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BRITISH VOLUNTEERS FOR FINLAND

London, To-day.

Amidst cheers from all parts of the House, Sir Victor Warrender, Financial Secretary to the War Office, announced in the Commons in answer to a question from Mr. W. Gallagher, the Communist M.P., that he understood the Finnish Legation in London was supervising an organisation for the purpose of enabling volunteers to offer their services to Finland. —Reuter.

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PEACE PLAN REPORT

London, To-day.

A six-point peace plan, alleged to have been drafted by Field-Marshal Goering and approved by Hitler, is announced by the New York radio, quoting a Stockholm report.

The points were:

Firstly, no country to claim indemnities.

Secondly, economic problems to be solved by conference.

Thirdly, the Sudeten region to become German.

Fourthly, Poland to cede to Germany all territory held by the Reich before the Treaty of Versailles.

Fifthly, a plebiscite in Aus-

To-morrow being Chinese New Year, there will be no issue of the "China Mail." We take this opportunity of extending all good wishes to our Chinese readers.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE GREAT SNOWFALL OF JAN. 27 LEFT BEHIND IT NATIONWIDE LOSS AND DAMAGE WORSE THAN ANYTHING IN ALL THIS CENTURY'S WEATHER RECORDS.

From the north of Scotland to the southern counties there came stories of troubles and disasters which, because of the censorship on weather news, could not then be revealed.

Now a strange and chaotic picture can be drawn. Here are some of its details:

Those long-distance trains which ran so late were held up in snowdrifts that sometimes buried the snowploughs sent to clear them away.

In some railway cuttings the drifts were 30 feet deep. Over some country roads traffic was virtually at a standstill.

Cows and sheep were buried on mountainsides. A hundred villages were cut off from supplies of food and fuel.

Aeroplanes dropped rations by parachute to isolated troops in Scotland.

While householders could not get their regular milk supplies, farmers could not get their milk away from the farms.

The railways were the greatest sufferers, and Scotland was the area in which they suffered most.

About 2,000 travellers were marooned in trains somewhere near the border.

Workmen had to use pneumatic drills to clear some of the icebound roads.

"LOCAL ACTIVITY"

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique said there was local activity by French patrols in the region west of the Saar. —Reuter.

tria under Austro-German-Franco-British supervision.

Sixthly, a German-Franco-British commission to decide on the disposal of Czechoslovakia and the Polish lands in order to obtain a peaceful agreement. — Reuter.

How Does It Compare With This?

Warsaw, To-day.

A Nazi newspaper published in Warsaw advises Germans not to learn Polish.

Apparently, fluency in Polish is to be regarded as unpatriotic.

The article says that there is no reason why conquerors should adapt themselves to the conquered, especially not in our case.

No German should learn more Polish than is sufficient to "pass the time of day." — Reuter.

ICE-PACKS IN TRENT

For the first time in 50 years people were able to walk across the famous tidal stretch of the River Trent, stretching from the Humber to above Gainsborough.

The river was jammed with ice-packs some eight to 10 feet high. — Reuter.

ITALIAN ARMS FOR FINLAND

Paris, To-day.

War equipment from Italy for Finland which was recently stopped in transit by Germany, has been returned to Italy and re-shipped to Finland via France, it is stated here.

It is understood that consignments are now passing through France en route to Finland.

Official circles claim to have reliable information that Germany, while withholding assistance from the Finns, is sending material assistance to the Russians. — Reuter.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR HURT IN FALL

Ottawa, To-day.

The Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, is suffering from concussion as result of a fall inside Government House.

At present he is resting comfortably. — Reuter.

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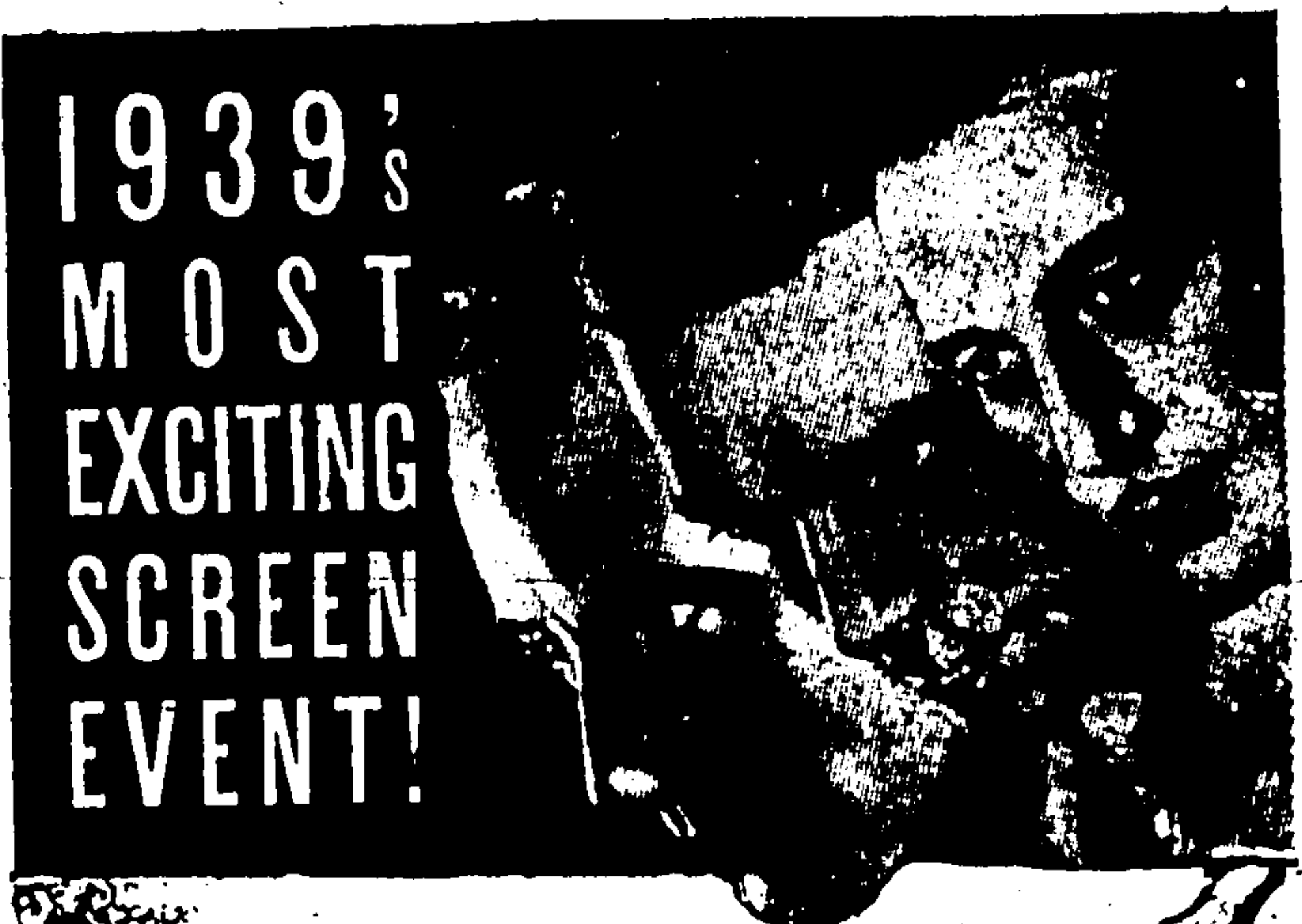
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"WE KILL THEM ONE BY ONE," SAYS CHIEF OF GHOST PATROL

With The Finnish Northern Army.
From the leader of a Finnish "ghost
patrol" I heard to-day details of the
daring tactics they use in attacking the
Russians.

The man, Aarne Valkama, was former
ski-shooting champion of the
world. He led in the forests of Salla
one of those white-cloaked Finnish
patrols which, almost invisible, attack
again and again.

He lay to-day against the pillows
of a field hospital bed, wounded
through the ribs and the right hand by
Russian machine-gun bullets.

This is his story: "Ever since 1924
our instincts told us to prepare with
all our might for a conflict with Rus-
sia. We studied in the army and the
civil guard every possible ruse of this
northern warfare.

"We especially studied the art of
shooting from skis at speed. We
trained ourselves to unsling our rifles.
lean them against our left arm where
they are held in position by a small
leather band, and shoot as we move
down hill at full speed.

"We trained at potting targets set
low in the snow and small floating
balloons."

Valkama, a house painter by trade,
holds the rank of a corporal.

He told me these ghost patrols are
composed of the same men, who al-
ways work together. They come to
know each other's strengths and
weaknesses.

They go out in the evening and ski
through the forests till dawn watching
Russian movements.

Valkama was wounded on a trip to
blow up a bridge behind the Salla



Margaret Dumont and Groucho
Marx in "Marx Brothers at the
Circus," which starts its Hong
Kong run at the Queen's and Al-
hambra Theatres to-day.

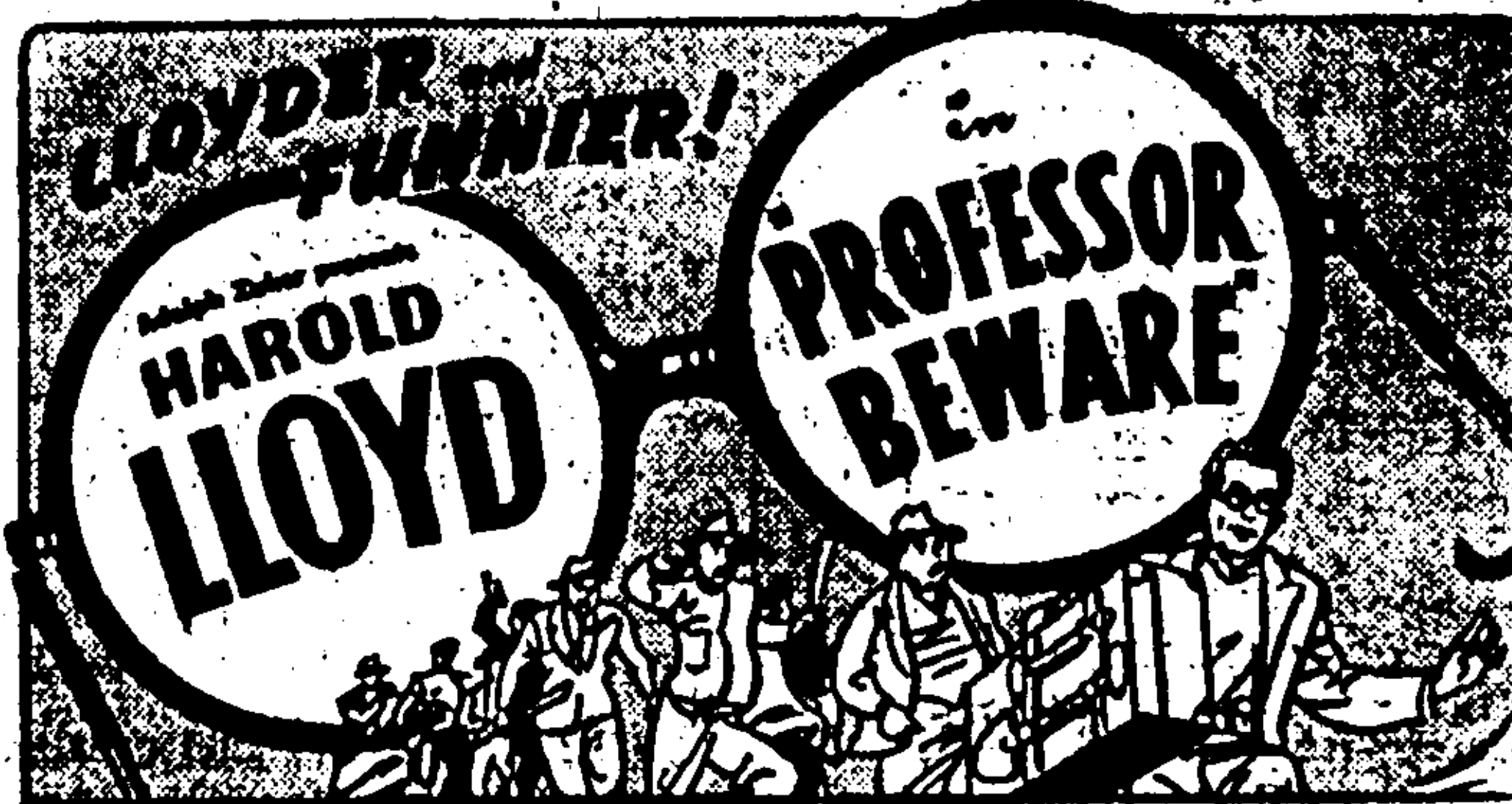
front. Two Russian tanks moving up
the road drove off part of the patrol
from their ammunition sledge.

Valkama and the others advanced
to recapture the sledge. Russian in-
fantrymen hiding in a ditch tried to
stop them, but, said Valkama sim-
ply: "We killed them one by one
every time they showed above the
ditch. Soon only two or three were
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But five more tanks came up, and a
burst from one of the machine guns
wounded Valkama.

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FINNS HEAVILY BATTERED IN MANNERHEIM LINE

Helsinki, To-day.

ALTHOUGH, IN ACCORDANCE with past practice, the Finnish High Command will release no information concerning the reported wiping-out of the entire Soviet 18th Division north of Lake Ladoga until victory is finally and decisively won, it is reported from reliable sources that between 15,000 to 20,000 Soviet troops have either perished there or have been taken prisoner.

Soviet air raids on Finland fell off on Monday, and were chiefly directed to the north of the country. The Finns now claim to have destroyed 250 Soviet machines, for the loss of only 15 Finnish planes.

Commenting on this, expert observers say that the Soviet machines are mostly obsolete or obsolescent, that the Russians are short of trained fighters, and that Soviet materials are of indifferent quality and poorly maintained.—Reuter.

Situation Confused

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The situation is becoming more confused despite the comforting news of the destruction of the Russian 18th Division.

Precise information from the Karelian Isthmus is lacking, although it is officially claimed that the further violent onslaught of the Red Army yesterday had been repulsed by midnight.

Correspondents in this zone, however, compare the Russian artillery fire with the most intense at any period of the Great War and add that the Finnish forces are suffering their heaviest losses since the Soviet invasion.

The series of attacks aiming at Viborg are resulting in some progress, although the cost has been high.

Reliable reports indicate that the Red Army threw two divisions into the attack on Summa yesterday.

Meantime, there is information that

the Finns have wiped up the remnants of the 18th Division and are concentrating on a second Soviet division, which is menaced by a similar fate. — Havas.

"Everywhere Repulsed"

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish communique says that on the Karelian Isthmus the Reds, on the morning of Monday after preparatory artillery, began a heavy attack at several points between Hatjalahdenjaervi and Summa.

Over 100 armoured cars were used in the battle, which continued heavily all day.

By midnight the attacks everywhere had been repulsed, with heavy Soviet losses. The Finns destroyed 22 armoured cars.

North-east of Lake Ladoga the Finns repulsed continuous enemy attacks on the Pitkaranta Archipelago and the coast, the Reds losing several hundreds killed.

The Finnish air force on Sunday night bombed Russian troops encamped round fires. — Reuter.

Rounding Up Remnants

Stockholm, To-day.

Stealing through forests and over rocky terrain, Finnish patrols last night were rounding up the remnants of the Soviet 18th Division to prevent any joining the four Russian divisions known to be further north.

The newspaper "Allehanda" estimates the number of Russians hitherto killed in the Kitela operations to be at least 5,000.—Reuter.

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ITALIANS KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ROME, TO-DAY.

INFORMED QUARTERS FEAR A POSSIBLE GERMAN-SOVIET ACTION TOWARDS THE GULF OF PERSIA AND THE OMAN SEA.

Iran and Afghanistan are making extensive military preparations. Iran has purchased many planes from abroad and is strengthening her borders while Afghanistan has ordered partial mobilisation.

A combined German-Russian move would threaten both the position of the Allies in the Near East and Britain's communications with India.

Meanwhile local politicians are deeply impressed by the Allies' action in the Near East, especially the Anglo-French preparations in Syria and Mesopotamia.

Considerable importance is attached to the impending visit to Italy of Gen. Maxime Weygand, former Commander-in-Chief of the French Army, who is at present inspecting the defence works of Egypt and will shortly attend the manoeuvres of Anglo-Egyptian troops. — Havas.

FRANCE NOT SATISFIED

Paris, To-day.

Discussing the Japanese bombing of a train on the Yunnan-Haiphong Railway, "Le Temps," organ of the French Foreign Office, says events like this are difficult to reconcile with the policy recently announced to the Diet by Mr. Arita, the Foreign Minister, emphasising that the Japanese Government is taking every possible step to protect the rights and interests of third powers.

"It is hoped that prompt settlement of this incident will fully confirm this doctrine." — Reuter.

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U.S. WAR ON SPIES

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS APPROVED THE APPROPRIATION OF £600,000 FOR THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A DRIVE AGAINST SPIES, SABOTEURS AND SUBVERSIVE AGENTS.

Mr. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the F.B.I., stated that the Bureau plans to employ 541 agents in the anti-spy drive.

In evidence before the committee he revealed that a close watch was being kept on 540 industrial plants engaged in producing military and naval supplies. — Reuter.

DEATH FOR ESPIONAGE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF FURTHER LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY WAS BEING CONSIDERED IN THE MOST SERIOUS CASES OF LEAKAGE OR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE ENEMY.

The Prime Minister added that there had been no failure to take vigilant precautions against leakage of information. — Reuter.

FRANCE HAS SIX AND HALF MILLIONS UNDER ARMS

London, To-day.

A MEMBER OF the French military mission in London yesterday drew attention to the insidious nature of German propaganda in France, which was especially directed to peasants' wives.

The authority gave an account of the amazing forethought devoted to ensuring the efficiency of the Maginot Line, which cost 100,000,000,000 francs, equivalent to the cost of 100 battleships.

Before the war, he said, France regarded the main danger as a sudden attack by the combined German land and air forces against the frontier and through neutral countries, which might impede French mobilisation.

That, however, was now out of the question and Germany had allowed

REICH "THREAT" TO SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Germany's diplomatic pressure against Sweden is seen by Madame Tabouis, writing in L'Oeuvre, who points out that this pressure was actually supported by German troop concentrations on the Reich's Baltic shores opposite Sweden.

Nevertheless, she says that the Reich does not mean actually to attack Sweden any more than she means to attack Rumania, since operations against these countries would entail the most serious risks. — Havas.

VICEROY & MOSLEMS

New Delhi, To-day.

An agreed communique was issued yesterday following the talk between Mr. Jinnah, President of the All-India Moslem League, and the Viceroy.

THE COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT MR. JINNAH URGED ON THE VICEROY THE GREAT IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE OTHER MINORITIES TO THE SAFEGUARDING OF THEIR POSITION.

The Viceroy assured Mr. Jinnah that the British Government were fully alive to the necessity of safeguarding the legitimate interests of minorities, and that Mr. Jinnah need be under no apprehension that the importance of those interests would be lost sight of. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL BUILDING PROGRAMME

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Carl Vinson, chairman of the House of Representatives naval committee, after seeing the President yesterday, said President Roosevelt had approved the naval building programme.

Mr. Vinson added that the House naval committee would act on the Bill on Thursday. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Southern Rhodesian Red Cross has sent £1,000 to the Lord Mayor's Fund. — Reuter.

MOSCOW ERECTING AN OBSTACLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

Paramount strategical, political and economic significance is attached to the Soviet decision to widen the gauge of the main railway passing through Lwow in Soviet-occupied Poland.

The new width means that rails will be of similar gauge to Soviet Russia.

This means that all trade between Germany and Rumania, whose railways have narrower gauges than the Soviet, will necessitate transshipment on Russian carriages from Rumania to the German border thereby precluding heavy traffic through this line between Rumania and the Reich. — Havas.

CENTENARY OF NEW ZEALAND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THE BRITISH AND THE MAORIS OF NEW ZEALAND SIGNED THE TREATY OF WAITANGI, PLACING THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY AND THE TREATY HAS BEEN HONOURED IN THE LETTER AND SPIRIT EVER SINCE.

This point was emphasised by the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage, broadcasting to Britain last night.

New Zealand, he said, in developing her own culture, was influenced by Maori culture and lore.

It proved its nationhood when it sent over 100,000 soldiers to serve in the World War, and it was now proving that the ties with Britain do not weaken as the years pass. — Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN VISIT CITY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE KING AND QUEEN YESTERDAY VISITED THE CITY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE WAR, THE OCCASION BEING A RECEPTION BY THE LORD MAYOR AND LADY MAYORESS AT MANSION HOUSE TO CELEBRATE THE CENTENARY OF NEW ZEALAND.

The King, wearing the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, inspected a guard of honour composed of the New Zealand Anti-Tank Corps, who were mounted in front of Mansion House.

Guests at the reception included Mrs. Chamberlain and several Dominions High Commissioners. — Reuter.

OVERSEAS DONATIONS TO ST. DUNSTON'S

London, To-day.

India, Burma, and 29 British colonies and territories are giving active support to St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Ex-servicemen.

Over £11,000 has already been received.

Contributions have come from Nigeria, Burma, India, Mauritius, the Seychelles and North Borneo, among others. — Reuter.

SERGEANT'S "HOUSE" IN A TREE

While Hitler has been hesitating, the French have been working with anti-like activity extending and strengthening the defences in front and around the Maginot Line, writes a war correspondent from France.

Each week some new fortification rises, with anti-tank guns and machine-guns and rows of barbed wire to hold infantry at bay.

An officer described how the Germans would be fought, how the guns from the forts would produce a series of flank bombardments which would be like huge blades cutting back and forth.

Artificial flooding of low-lying areas would put enemy tanks and heavy equipment out of action. In nearby woods, each of them ringed with barbed wire, were innumerable machine-gun nests which you could not discern until you were on top of them.

HIS "NEGRO VILLAGE"

These nests, so hidden, so sinister,

A. R. P. HAS OWN 'UNION'

Progress is being made by the newly formed A.R.P. section of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Members are enrolling in all parts of the country, and a number of local branches are already at work.

The autocratic inclinations of some local authorities have been successfully curbed. In one instance a Council was compelled to cancel a plan for route marches of A.R.P. workers.

In other cases where local officials have opposed Trade Union membership, the matter has been taken up with the local authorities.

Where A.R.P. workers are already Trade Unionists, their cards are recognised by the new organisation.

"We have made representations to the Home Office as a result of which one complete day's rest in seven has been granted," Mr. W. D. Goss, who is in charge of the section, declared. "Hours of work and the difficulties created by the rise in living costs since the £3 rate was instituted will obviously have to be considered in the future."

For workers in the Auxiliary Fire Service a joint committee has been set up which is now considering wage questions.

sweep the low-lying country - about knee high. They fire fast. The guns are the joy of the men.

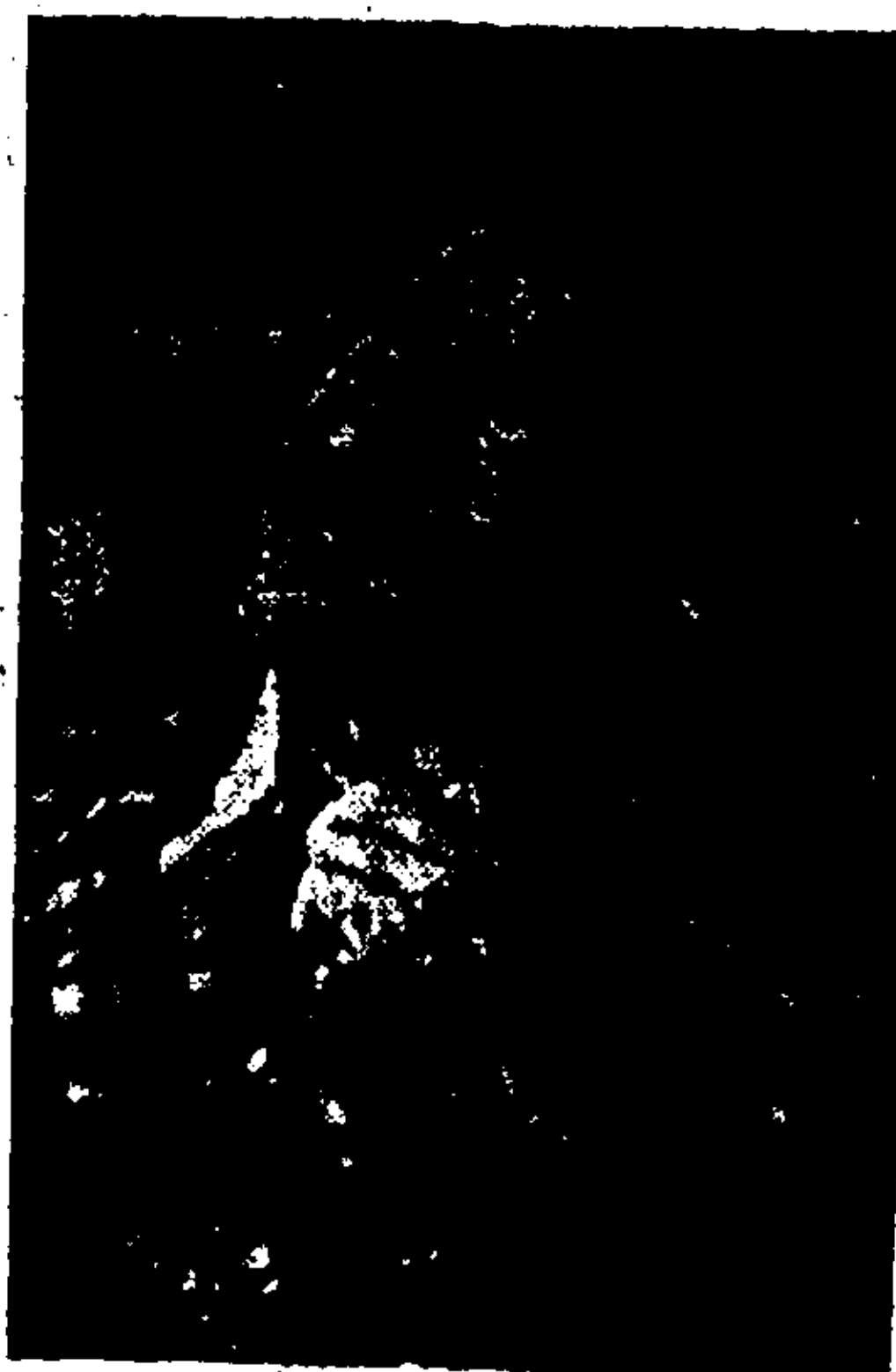
One young officer proudly showed me what he called his negro village of mud huts. Each was warmed with a brazier and had a comfortable bed of straw. One ingenious sergeant had gone completely aborigine.

He had built a platform for himself high up in the fork of two trees growing close together like the houses New Guinea natives build.

The French can build their block-houses in a few days. You have only to talk to the men who have built them, and whose job it now is to hold them, to realise the confidence they have in these compact steel and concrete forts.

I have watched block-houses grow from the preliminary excavations to the building of the thick walls and roofs and the laying of the guns.

This huge task had been achieved by frontline troops despite torrential



Groucho Marx who, with Chico and Harpo, appears at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day in "Marx Brothers at the Circus."

rain and snow and bitter cold. French block-houses which have come under enemy fire have proved to be impervious to shells.

GERMAN BOMBS WILL NOT SCARE OUR FISHERMEN

In towns and little villages along the East Coast of Britain there are a thousand and one proofs of the futility of Hitler's barbarous bombing of fishing boats.

They are the fishermen of England, the men whose prototypes have been immortalised in verse and ballad just as long as there has been an England.

"If Hitler hopes to scare us off the sea by this sort of thing, he's got another think coming," one man declared.

That seems to be the attitude of the whole fishing community.

"It is like this," said Harry Brooks, of High-street, Caister-on-Sea. "Fish is good food—particularly in war—and it has to be got regardless of Hitler. We shall try to get it."

Cool, implacable Harry Brooks represents the kind of man Ribbentrop should have told Hitler about instead of gabbling about British decadence. He risked his life in the last war in the dangerous work of the Dover patrol, and now he is ready for the national service of fishing.

At present many of the East Coast fishermen are seizing the opportunity

to spend some time with their families, but soon they will be off.

"We are going with good hearts," commented Mr. Brooks.

Following on the heels of the old salts are young fishermen, who will carry on the fight. They are merely waiting until they are old enough to join the minesweepers. Meanwhile, they are fishing "as usual." They mince no words about Hitler.

Albert Smith, of Braddock-road, Caister, a drifter deckhand said, with a flash in his eyes, "It is a rotten, cowardly game to sink the boats and then machine-gun the crews on top of it."

REPRISALS WANTED

He is going to the fishing grounds regardless of the cold or the Nazis.

"To blazes with Hitler," he commented.

Many of the fishermen are asking for reprisals.

"The best way to answer a madman like Hitler is to give him a dose of his own medicine," said one veteran.

"These attacks on fishing vessels are as bad as bombing unprotected civilian populations."

NUDE GIRL IN SEA MYSTERY

A girl, whose nude, mutilated body was found in the sands of Foulness Island at the mouth of the Thames, had been in the sea for three months.

This was stated when a verdict of "Found dead" was returned at the inquest at Rochford.

The head and limbs were detached from the body, and a doctor said that it was impossible to determine the cause of death. The girl was between 24 and 25 and was well-developed.

It was stated that the only clue was an elastic band from an undergarment bearing a manufacturer's tab relating to goods made in this country and sent to Germany or Scandinavia.

MOVE TO STOP BARBER-SPIES

Because they hear so much from talkative customers, barbers are recommending approach to the Home Secretary for legislation prohibiting enemy aliens working as barbers' assistants.

The decision was taken at a London meeting of hairdressing trade delegates.

One hairdresser complained that an advertisement for an assistant to replace one called up for military service had been answered by an Austrian refugee in an internment camp.

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BRITISH ARMS DRIVE

Intense Effort To Further Speed Production

AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERS' UNION

London, To-day.

CONCERNING ITSELF WITH Home affairs, the British Press yesterday commented on the Government's plans for increased arms production and the meeting between the Minister of Labour and the delegates from the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

The "Daily Telegraph" comments that the Union's undertaking to help the scheme is in line with the undoubted co-operation it has already given.

The members of the Union can be regarded as the "key-men of the arms industry" and they are putting aside their rooted objection to any interference with labour in the work shops.

The "News Chronicle" says that the Union will be of the greatest value to the Government's plan, as it is in a position to give advice regarding the handling of the new Labour Army required; their presence, too, will be a guarantee that the programme will be carried out with speed and vigour.

Many of the Home papers think the plan will decrease the unemployment figures, which they think are not as good as they should be.—Reuter.

Cannot Be Too Extensive

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The new British arms drive, colossal as it is, can never be too extensive, says the "News Chronicle," in view of the fact that daily reports from Germany announce that the Nazis are mobilising all their industrial resources.

Fulfillment of the Government's programme would, incidentally, result in wiping out all or most unemployment.—Havas.

60,000 VISITORS

Over 60,000 visitors have thus far attended the exhibition of the manufactured products of Hong Kong industry at Happy Valley.

GAS-MASK WARNING

The Director of Air Raid Precautions draws attention to the fact that application forms for respirators have now been in place at various Police Stations for the last three weeks.

In order that the number of respirators required by the general public can be ascertained, and arrangements made for fitting, etc., it is proposed to withdraw these forms on the 1st of March, 1940.

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that anyone desiring to obtain a respirator under the Government scheme should either obtain a form from the Police Station or apply to the Director of Air Raid Precautions before the 29th February, 1940.

FATAL ACCIDENT

A fatal accident occurred in Prince Edward Road near Grampian Road at 11.15 o'clock last night when an unidentified Chinese was knocked down by a bus. The body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

GENEROUS GIFT

Singapore, To-day.

A gift of £800 has been made by the State of Brunei to the Malaya Patriotic Fund. This is a very generous gift, for the population of Brunei is only 30,000 people.—Reuter.

ON THE FENCE

Melbourne, To-day.

Speaking about the attitude of neutrals, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Sir Henry Gullett, said that the neutrals recognized the justice of our cause and the rottenness of the German cause.

Nevertheless, history showed that neutrals wanted to be on the winning side, and, therefore, we must establish that we are the ultimate winners before we can expect the more powerful neutrals to join us.—Reuter.

ULSTER'S WAR EFFORT

Belfast, To-day.

Northern Ireland's contribution to war food problems was the subject of a broadcast by the Premier.

He said that a quarter of a million additional acres were being ploughed, and Northern Ireland intended to increase its output of flax.—Reuter.

NO SHIPS TO MACAO TO-MORROW

Shipping traffic between Hong Kong and Macao will be completely suspended to-morrow, Chinese New Year Day, when no boats will ply between the two Colonies.

The normal services will be resumed on Friday.

REPRIEVE AGAIN REFUSED

London, To-day.

The Eire High Commissioner, Mr. John Dulanty, called on Mr. Chamberlain at 10, Downing Street last night in connection with last-minute efforts to secure a reprieve of the condemned I.R.A. men.

The visit has not changed the British Government's attitude, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

The I.R.A. men were sentenced to death in connection with the Coventry bomb outrage.—Reuter.

Special Guards On Birmingham Prison

London, To-day.

During yesterday afternoon and evening the special police guards around Birmingham Prison were doubled, the Reserves being specially called out, owing to fear of Irish Republican Army outrages in connexion with the impending execution of two Irishmen.

Police were stationed at intervals by yards all round the prison walls, while others patrolled the streets.

Others were posted inside the prison and in the gatehouse.

Pedestrians loitering near the prison were ordered to move on.—Reuter.

MERCHANT SERVICE COURAGE

HONOURS FOR CAPTAIN AND FIRST MATE OF TWO SHIPS

London, To-day.

TWO STORIES OF coolness, courage and seamanship by British Mercantile Marine officers made front page news in last night's "London Gazette," which announces the award of the O.B.E. to Capt. John Steward, Master of the Hope Star, and Thomas Ward, First Mate of the Oakgrove.

The "Gazette" relates that the Hope Star, sailing alone in heavy weather, was attacked by a German submarine. By putting the helm hard aport the Chief Officer cleared the torpedo by five yards.

Half an hour later the submarine's periscope was sighted and later a second torpedo was fired, which cleared the ship's stern by less than a fathom.

The Hope Star fired at the periscope and the Master hoisted flag signals to suggest that a warship had been sighted.

A third torpedo passed within a fathom of the ship and then the enemy's conning-tower emerged and the Hope Star fired at it, one shell nearly hitting, and the submarine dived quickly.

SMOKESCREEN ESCAPE
On the approach of dusk the Master made a smoke screen and zigzagged into it.

"The Hope Star was saved from the long relentless attack by the courage, judgment and seamanship of her Master and the ready skill of her gunner," the Gazette concludes.

OAKGROVE DRAMA

Relating the sinking of the Oakgrove by enemy aircraft, the "Gazette" tells how as the ship went down the Captain, radio officer and a fireman were sucked down by the whirlpool. When the vessel reached bottom the

swell abated and the radio officer and fireman came to the surface only slightly injured, but the captain was never seen again.

The First Mate, in one of the ship's boats, set sail 20 miles for land, steering the boat throughout a six-hour passage though he was numb with cold.

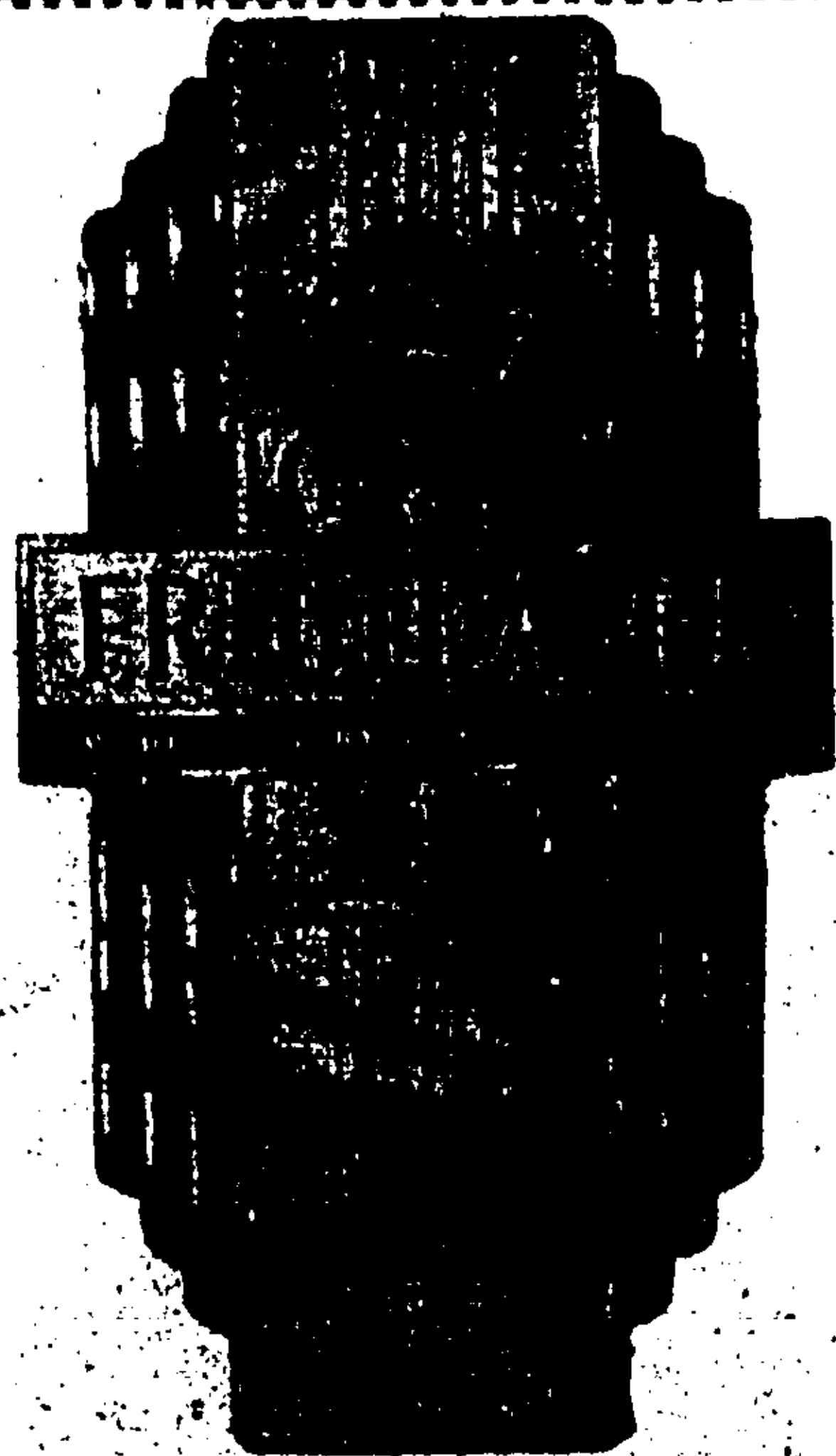
The Second Mate, though he had no sailing experience, followed the First Mate's lead in the other boat, and both reached land safely.

"In an unarmed ship, too slow to be handled in her own defence, the First Mate shepherded his crew with such courage, skill and coolness that the intense fire of two powerful enemy aircraft at point-blank range caused them no hurt," says the "Gazette."—Reuter.

SIX GERMANS TAKEN OFF SHIP

Capetown, To-day.

Six Germans were landed here yesterday under military guard. They were taken off the Portuguese liner Nyassa by a British warship off the South African Coast.—Reuter.



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Virtual Settlement Of The "Asama Maru" Incident

IDENTICAL STATEMENTS IN LORDS & COMMONS

London, To-day.

IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS yesterday, Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, spoke about the so-called Asama Maru "incident."

Replying to Lord Snell, he reminded the House that the Japanese Foreign Minister had made a statement to the Japanese House of Peers earlier yesterday on the same subject.

Lord Halifax said that the correspondence between the two countries would be laid before the House.

It had been found on investigation that some of the men removed from the Asama Maru are relatively unsuitable for military service, and although reserving all legal rights, His Majesty's Government are prepared to release nine of the men, who will be handed over to the appropriate Japanese authorities in due course.

Lord Halifax told the House that the Japanese, for their part, have instructed their shipping lines to refuse to carry belligerent nationals who might enlist for military service. This would prevent a repetition of the Asama Maru incident.—Reuter.

WHITE PAPER ON CORRESPONDENCE

London, To-day.

The correspondence between the British and Japanese Governments on the removal of German citizens from the Asama Maru was issued as a White Paper last evening.

The correspondence ends with a British communication in which, as announced by Lord Halifax and the Prime Minister in Parliament, Britain stated that while reserving all their legal rights they are prepared to release nine out of the 21 men removed from the Asama Maru.

In its first communication, handed to the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, on January 22 following the incident, the Japanese Government maintained that the universally recognised usage was that a belligerent power could demand on the high seas only those subjects of another belligerent who were actually embodied in the armed forces. The Japanese Government stated they could not but regard the British action as a serious and unfriendly act against Japan.

BRITISH REPLY

The British Government replied in a Note from Sir R. Craigie to Mr. Arita dated January 27, in which they said: "The British Government profoundly regret the interpretation put on their action by the Imperial Japanese Government and avail themselves of this opportunity to state that there is no unfriendly action whatsoever in the exercise of their right as a belligerent to stop and search neu-

tral shipping at sea. Exercise of this right does not, in the view of the British Government, imply any slight upon the honour or national dignity of the neutral state involved and this has been amply demonstrated in the present and preceding wars."

The Note recites the facts of the case, pointing out that the British Government were aware of the organised attempt by the German Government to secure the return of German mercantile marine officers and men from America. So anxious were the German Government to obtain the services of these men that they were being despatched by the long expensive route across the Pacific via Japan and Siberia.

SPECIALISTS INVOLVED

It would not be suggested, the Note urges, that as almost the entire German mercantile marine is laid up in port the German Government would have devoted part of their scanty supplies of foreign exchange to so expensive an operation if the object were not to enable the services of the men to be employed for military operations, and later in the Note the fact is brought out that some of the Germans in question formed part of the engineroom staffs of tankers and their special knowledge of Diesel engines rendered it practically certain that they were intended to be employed on their return for submarine service.

The British Government were aware of at least four parties or these men who were due to leave America almost simultaneously, of which the first party of about fifty sailed on the Asama Maru. Of the fifty, thirteen officers and eight technical ratings were removed by a British man-of-war, the remainder, though trained seamen but without special qualifications, being allowed to proceed.

ONLY LEGAL ISSUE

"It is this action of which the Imperial Japanese Government contest the legality. They do not, as the British Government understand the position, dispute the legitimacy of the exercise of the right of visit and search by a belligerent warship on the high seas. They do not dispute that certain categories of enemy nationals may legitimately be removed from a neutral vessel but they contend that the persons removed in the

BELGIUM ARRESTS SPIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Two foreigners of unknown nationality were arrested for spying at Roosendaal, near the Belgian border.

It is understood that they were connected with the espionage case uncovered in Nijmegen last week.—Havas.

present case do not fall within the categories in question. This is accordingly the only legal issue between the two Governments to which the present case gives rise."

To the examination of this issue almost the whole of the rest of the Note is devoted. It is pointed out that in handing the original memorandum to the British Ambassador, the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs stated that Article Forty-seven of the Declaration of London constituted the basis of the Japanese arguments, and the Note declares:

"The Declaration of London, never having come into force, is not binding on any State and cannot be relied on against the British Government as authority."

NOT THE ORIGIN

In any case Article 47 of this Declaration is not the origin of the right to remove enemy nationals from neutral ships since there existed for centuries such a practice, which became subject to qualifying limitation by treaty provision. Such qualification, dating from the early seventeenth to mid-nineteenth centuries, sought to limit the removal to "military persons and others effectively in the service of the enemy," but the definition is obviously inapplicable under modern conditions.

The right would become illusory if it did not cover individuals who, though not on the peacetime military strength, are under legal liability to take a place in the enemy ranks.

The latter are precisely the persons likely to be travelling on neutral ships in time of war. It cannot be seriously contended that the mere fact that such persons had not actually joined the corps to which they were to belong carries the conclusion that they are not in the military service of the enemy, and the suggestion that they are not within the category of persons who may be removed from a neutral ship seems to result entirely from the interpretation which has been placed in some quarters on the terms of Article Fortyseven of the Declaration of London which, as already argued, is not a binding authority.

GERMAN CLAIM

The British contention, the Note says, is strongly supported by practice in the 1914-18 war.

After showing that it is clear from Article 77 of the German Prize Ordinance that the German Government regard persons who "are making a voyage in order to put themselves in the service of the enemy armed forces," as in precisely the same position as "members of the enemy armed forces," the British Note proceeds: "The Imperial Japanese Government take the contrary view about the Germans now in question, and they are making a claim which the German Government could not make for themselves. The Imperial Japanese Government can hardly expect such a claim to be admitted by the British Government in the existing circumstances. I may add that the practice of the German Government in the present war has gone even beyond the provisions of their Prize Ordinance. Not only have they removed Poles of military age from neutral vessels in the Baltic but they have removed from a Swedish ship and still hold in captivity British fishermen who had been picked up after

the destruction of their boat by German forces, although the fact that the men concerned were engaged in innocent fishing is sufficient evidence that they were not on their way to join the armed forces.

The Imperial Japanese Government will not expect the British Government to be bound by a supposed rule which is denied and disregarded by the enemy."

SUBMARINE WARFARE

Having argued the general legal position and explained that of the particular Germans concerned, the Note declares: "Since the outbreak of war not only British lives and shipping but also neutral lives and shipping have been lost as a result of unrestricted submarine warfare by Germany which was carried out in violation of international law and agreements to which she is a party and with a total disregard of the dictates of humanity."

The British Government are determined to put an end to this method of warfare by means at their disposal and they could not reconcile it with their obligations to their own countrymen, to say nothing of neutral interests, to risk innocent lives and shipping by allowing personnel to reach Germany which can be employed to perpetuate this menace."

JAPANESE REPLY

Mr. Arita replied on February 1 expressing great pleasure at the regret expressed in the preceding British Note at the profound resentment aroused in Japan by the incident, but stating he held fundamentally different opinions from the British Government on the legal arguments.

In contradiction to the British contention he enunciated the view of the Imperial Government that "the removal of enemy nationals from neutral ships engaged on peaceful traffic on the high seas essentially has been regarded as illegal in international law in general."

The Japanese Government also contested the British arguments based on the German prize rules.

BRITISH POSITION

In Sir R. Craigie's reply of February 5, announcing willingness to release nine of the men seized who, on examination, had been found relatively unsuitable for military service, the Ambassador states the inability of the British Government to accept the validity of the Japanese legal arguments and affirms that the British Government consider themselves fully entitled under international law to remove the 21 men. He further reserves the right of reply to Mr. Arita's Note in due course.—British Wireless.

INSPECTION TOUR ON GOLD COAST

Accra, To-day.

Sir Arnold Weinholt Hodson, Governor of the Gold Coast, has just completed a 9-day tour of inspection of the southern section of Togoland, which is under a British mandate.

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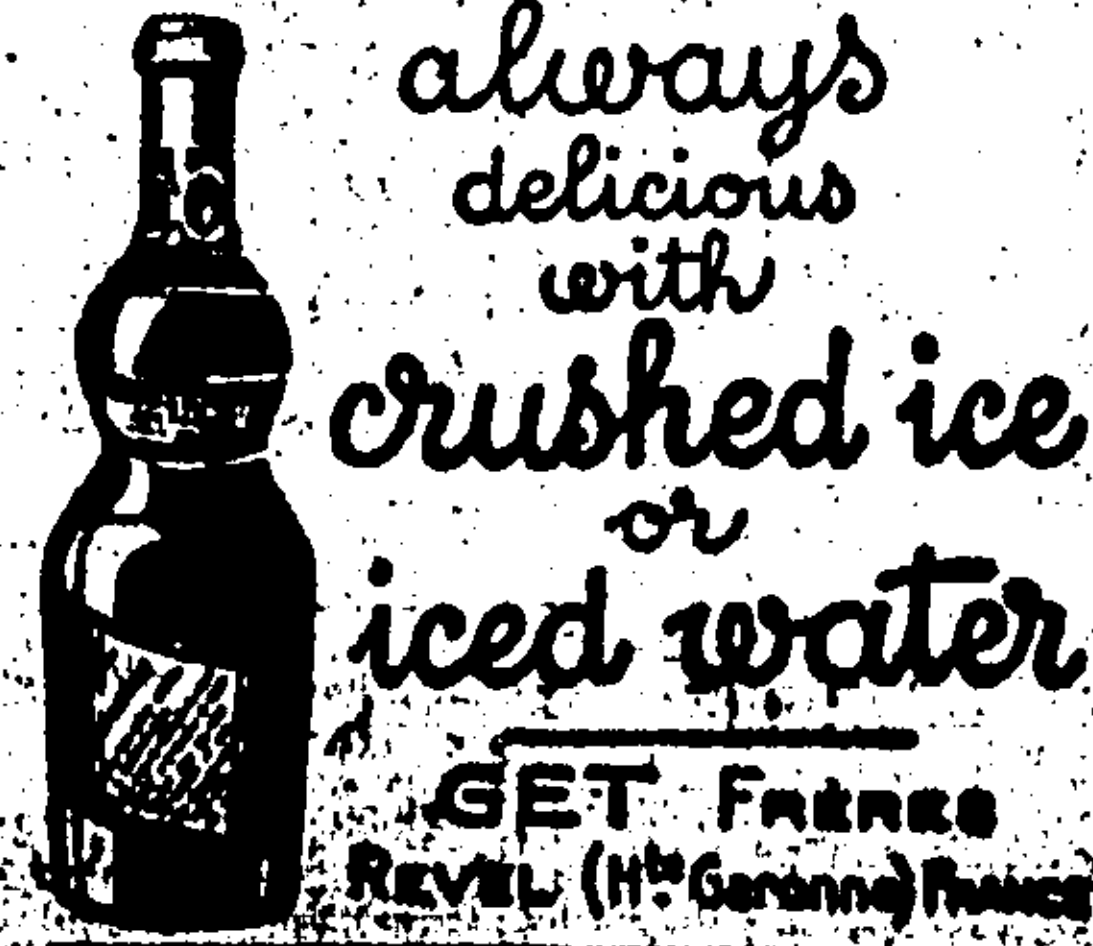
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

VATICAN AND THE NAZIS

In view of the naked hostility which the Nazis display towards the Church there are some who wonder just how much longer the Vatican will maintain its present neutrality. It sees reared against it all the carefully organized forces of evil which the German leaders have determined to impose upon the world, and the question is often asked as to when the Roman Catholic Church will avail itself of the enormously potent moral weapons which it has in its armoury. That is a matter for the Pope to decide, though he will probably realize that if the democracies ever go down in defeat the very existence of the Church itself is threatened. — "North China Daily News." Shanghai.

effective it may be with the masses. After the sinking of the Athenia the German press at once declared that Mr. Churchill had been responsible for it. Again and again the press repeated this adding "confirmation" from the "latest discoveries." But this constant repetition became monotonous and finally began to have the opposite effect from that intended. — "Svenska Dagbladet," Stockholm.

LARGE IDEAS

The great French philosopher, M. Maritain, has said that we have been brought by material forces to a state of barbarism and that in resisting its violence men of freedom must not renounce the use of material energies, but neither must they put their confidence in them. Lord Halifax gave much the same answer. He argues that though you may not be able to exercise an evil spirit by physical force it is only by physical force that you can restrain its ravages. When that restraint has been made effective something more is needed. Hitler wants a Europe in which an evil spirit shall have full play. If he succeeds, the next chapter of our history will be a history of violence, underground when Europe was exhausted, open when she recovered. The world settled down under the tolerant Augustus, but it will not settle down under a system that substitutes the insolent superstitions of race for the light of Christian civilisation. Of the kind of Europe we wish to build Lord Halifax had something to say. As a man in close contact with the hard and searching problems of international politics he spoke with caution of the large ideas that are in the air, but he evidently hopes that our co-operation with France may be the beginning of wider economic relationships in Europe. The conviction that some bold plan for this purpose is essential is gaining ground steadily here, and the experience of the war will spread that conviction among our neighbours. — "Manchester Guardian."

HITLER AND INDIAN POLITICIANS

There is, we believe, a general desire in this country that India should throw her weight into the present war on the side of the democracies. In the first place there is scarcely a thinking Indian who does not realize that whatever her faults, Britain is fighting one of the most evil political systems the world has ever seen. In the second place, none can deny that India's own fate depends upon the result. — "The Pioneer."

IF FINLAND FALLS

If Finland falls, which need not be, much else will be lost besides her freedom. She is holding the outer ward of the fortress of civilisation against a storming siege of barbarism. The forces which have surged to destroy her are the ambition of tyrants and the fanaticism of a savagery hating all that has given more than brute value to human life—hating things spiritual and things of the mind, the free play of thought and endeavour, the loyalties and love of the family. All these are the abomination of Bolshevism, to be tortured, persecuted, or mechanised out of existence. If Finland came under the harrow of the Soviet, which of her neighbours could feel secure? It is clear that the Scandinavian countries are waking to the danger. — "Daily Telegraph," London.

BONDS OF INSULATION

The most recent test of the sympathy of Britain and France toward current American efforts to insulate the New World against the troubles of the Old has arisen out of the Panama Conference's announcement of a "safety band" around the American continents. For the Allies the main question about this zone seems to be whether the Americas can enforce their ruling in it.

PROPAGANDA MISTAKES

A leaflet war could not be effectively waged in the west while Germany was driving forward in the east. In any case, propaganda by wireless is more effective than by leaflet. A good many Germans still listen to London and Strasbourg. But Allied wireless propaganda has made some bad mistakes and has done itself harm by giving unchecked and incorrect news in some cases, causing now a certain scepticism among German listeners.

HITLER AS "LIBERATOR"

"I have noticed an attempt on the part of the German propaganda department to propagate the idea that Indians should look to Nazi Germany for their freedom. The conception of Hitler the liberator is so grotesque as to bring a smile to the face of any one except possibly a German, and if Hitler and his associates imagine they may look for aid from India they are heading for one of the greatest disillusionments of their lives." — Lord Zetland.

The character of the naval warfare between the Allies and Germany is such that if Germany would honour the "safety band," the Allies could much more easily do so. If the reasonable rules that apply to neutral harbours could be enforced in the "safety band" then it is doubtful indeed that Allied violations would occur.

Therefore even in an essay which extends beyond any previous concept of international law, and in which other interested parties have not acquiesced, the Americas can expect readiest co-operation from nations whose policies have long accepted the Monroe Doctrine as a fixture in international relations. Three major experiments in American insulation have crossed wires with the policies of European democracies. And to date no serious short circuits have occurred. — "Christian Science Monitor," Boston.

Nazi domestic propaganda has also made many mistakes through repeating time and again, in accordance with its technique, incorrect news or reports with considerable gaps in them. German home propaganda underestimates the German people's intelligence. Often the people have a good memory. The intelligent German dislikes endless repetition, however

NORTHERN HELL IN ICE

The Red Army In Its Arctic Shroud

UNKNOWN LEGION OF THE FALLEN

(By Our Special Correspondent in Finland, Leland Stowe)
Tolvajarvi Battlefield, To-day.

IN THIS SAD SOLITUDE lie the dead—uncounted thousands of Russian dead. They lie as they fell—twisted, gesticulating and tortured. But they lie beneath the kindly mask of two inches of new-fallen snow. Now they are one with the cold white shapes of illimitable pine and spruce trees. An unknown legion of the fallen, they have been sacrificed by winter's hand and covered over with winter's spotless sheet. They will not go back to earth now for many months.

But even this profuse virginal coverlet of near-arctic wilderness cannot quite conceal the anguish of their last movement or the catastrophic suddenness of their end. Here all the pain and all the cruelty of their betrayal has been preserved by the frost king of the far north. It is as if Madame Tussaud of the famous London wax-works museum had decided to preserve one of the war's final horrors—as if she had created this scene of false peace and inexpressable tragedy and, with appropriate simplicity, had called it "Field Battle."

Every January, deep solitude hovers above the snows of Tolvajarvi. But to-day it is infinitely deeper than in other years, it is heavy with the ultimate loneliness of death, and thousands of the dead may lie as lonely as a single one. Endless, profound and voiceless peace where the wounds of war are frozen and will bleed no more. In this place we have heard of a great and magnificent victory. In this place the silence speaks of things which may destroy but never more restore or resurrect.

When we rode out upon the narrow finger of the Lake Tolva peninsula we were not prepared for this. It is a thin and twisting road with pines and spruces standing high on either side and the frozen bosom of the lake just beyond. All along this central artery of the battlefield, all along the road that leads to Lake Agla twenty miles away, we saw the shattered tanks and the broken supply of lorries and the heaped debris of the Red army's annihilated divisions.

STRANGE SHAPES

All along the roadway we saw strange shapes bulging beneath the snow. Among the trees these shapes might sometimes have been logs. Sometimes, they looked like crooked limbs cast into disorder by the woodsman's axe. Sometimes, heavy felt boots, bared of snow by the stumbling contact of some passing Finnish soldier, protruded suddenly and revealed the naked truth. Sometimes too, we saw soldiers dragging frozen shapes like pieces of cordwood from the forest—and here and there bodies lay in crude, contorted piles waiting for their final, nameless, common grave.

But for the most part of last December the snowfall had cloaked these forms in the immaculate anonymity of the far northern winter. Nature had done her charitable best. That is, it still did not quite seem possible that these had been human beings only a few days ago, or that the mask of Tolvajarvi's snow concealed more and more hundreds of dead. Then our white-painted army bus stopped at a point on the crest of the ridge. We climbed out and followed our guide into the forest on the left. "There are many of them here," he said. "they were all wiped out by our machine-gun fire." It was true that there were very many of them there.

MORE ANONYMOUS THAN DEATH

Suddenly we found ourselves among whole groups of white covered figures. Some lay straight on the ground, but mostly the arms were drawn convulsively upward or projected stiffly above the shoulder. Mostly their legs were bent or doubled. Sometimes one body, curiously oversized with its two inch coating of snow, lay grotesquely—a cross against the surrounding white.

These were the Russian dead. All carried gas masks; they had belonged to a picked shock troop division of the Red army. Now they were strewn on both sides of the road for more than a mile along the peninsula and then further on and yet further—among the spruce and beside the road that leads to Aglajarvi.

All about us lay featureless human shapes, their masks of snow making the more anonymous than death itself. Beside one of these I paused. Why did one wonder what these men looked like and what might have been written on their faces? Slowly I brushed the snow away. An unshaven face with an alabaster forehead emerged and then a stubble of close-cut black hair.

MUMMIFIED

This face was peaceful, as if its owner had fallen asleep here in the blizzard. It was the face of a man of thirty—still and frozen—and lifeless. But there were other faces on which was written such suffering as can scarcely bear contemplation. One of these belonged to a young soldier who had been shot in the right knee. He lay with both hands clutched desperately against his wound. This had been the young Russian's last action and the terrible frost of 25 degrees below zero—perhaps 35 degrees—had mummified him in the precise attitude wherein he had died. We could not look for long. Never has any battlefield been more deeply saturated with the imploring silence of the dead. It was all about us; that, and the frozen figures, and those motionless, speechless faces.

Steel helmets with a slender red star painted on them lay where they had fallen. From some pockets protruded letters or newspaper clippings or membership cards of the Bolshevik Komsomol organization. There were spaces for dues to be paid up to the year 1946. Oddly enough, beside one soldier we found a photograph of a young man lying in his coffin. It would be impossible even to dig a grave for his brother here until spring.

Someone also picked up a packet of letters written by a soldier's wife back in Leningrad. Although they were written by an almost illiterate woman, he was able later to translate them. They told how she had written letter after letter, but still had received no answer since he was taken by the Red army in October. How she had sent five rubles this time and twenty rubles another. How she had sent a picture of their little boy, Ljonja. How bills could not be paid and how they waited for him to come home.

PATHETIC LETTER

"I spent the holiday (November 7th) very badly," wrote the soldier's



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wife, "I cried all the time. Ljonja keeps asking when daddy is coming home. He asked Uncle Peter: 'Haven't you seen my Papa?' Uncle Peter said he hadn't seen you, but you were coming home soon. Ljonja: 'Well, tell mother that Daddy is coming home and if he comes at night she must wake me up as soon as he comes.'"

I hope that I did not see this Russian soldier's face. We left him there with countless hundreds of other proletarians of the Soviet Union in Tolvajarvi's snowbound forest of dead. There must have been many Finnish dead also, though we did not see them—perhaps because they have been the first to be carried away. On almost all these rigid frozen bodies there must have been similar letters. But they will never read again. In this vast solitude, all will return to earth when when another inevitable spring burgeons the pine and spruce forests of eastern Finland.

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GERMAN EXECUTIONS IN MEMEL

According to the Lithuanian press, four Germans have been executed in Memelland for crimes, which included house-breaking during the black-out and incendiarism.

Two other Germans, one a woman, are reported to have been executed in East Prussia for "exploiting the credulity of the inhabitants by complaining of their distress" arising out of the war.

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ICE-BREAKER SUNK

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish ice-breaker, the *Vigo*, was sunk yesterday by Soviet bombing planes when escorting a convoy of supply ships from Sweden to Finland.

Several bombs struck the ship, but the crew escaped over the ice to a nearby island.

The captain stated that the convoy was also attacked, but only the *Vigo* was hit. The rest of the ships escaped in the gathering gloom, after the Russians had emptied their bomb-racks.—*Reuter*.

SHORTAGE OF COAL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

WHILE BRITAIN IS RETURNING TO NORMAL IN THE MATTER OF COAL SUPPLIES, THERE IS NOW A GREAT SHORTAGE IN NORWAY AND DENMARK, WHICH HAVE ALSO BEEN AFFECTED BY THE SLOWING DOWN OF TRANSPORT OWING TO THE WEATHER.

Large announcements in the Copenhagen press say that there are now only 4 days' supply of coal and coke. Many houses are without fuel and people are asked to take hot baths only once a week.

The Danish Government has taken over one-fifth of the existing stocks. Regulations in Oslo now allow central heating once in three weeks and the temperature must not exceed 64.5 deg. Fah.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH SHIPPING GROWING AT A RAPID PACE

London, To-day.

In connection with the announcement that 25,000 tons of British shipping was lost by German air attacks and other enemy action last week, it is officially disclosed that the British mercantile marine has been steadily increasing at the rate of 200,000 tons a week by new construction, purchase of foreign shipping and the capture of enemy vessels.—*Reuter*.

MINESWEEPER WASHED AGROUND

London, To-day.

The minesweeper *Sphinx*, which was lost when the towrope parted as she was being brought into port, was washed ashore yesterday and now lies upside down on the beach.

Four bodies are visible inside but so far have not been recovered.—*Reuter*.

MEDIATION REPORTS REPUDIATED

Amsterdam, To-day.

Renewed reports that Hitler contemplates mediating in the Russo-Finnish dispute are denied in Berlin, where Nazi officials told neutral correspondents: "There is no question of such a thing."—*Reuter*.

M.P. UNDER 12 PREMIERS

Lord Shuttleworth, a friend of Gladstone and an M.P. under twelve Prime Ministers, has died at his home, Barbon Manor, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, two days after his ninety-fifth birthday.

Up to the end he retained his remarkable memory, and there was no detail of his life or the people whom he met that he had forgotten.

The twelve Prime Ministers under whom he sat included Disraeli, Gladstone, Lord Salisbury and Lord Rosebery.

INCREASED WAGES

London, To-day.

Altogether 1,250,000 workers in the engineering and shipbuilding industries will receive an increase of 5/- a week as the result of the agreement between representatives of employers and the Unions.

The Unions had asked a 10/- increase and the present agreement is subject to modification by individual Unions.—*Reuter*.

PAN-AMERICAN AIR LINE TO NEW ZEALAND

San Francisco, To-day.

Pan-American Airways, using 72-passenger planes of the Yankee Clipper type used on the Transatlantic service, will open a regular service between San Francisco and New Zealand shortly, by way of Honolulu, Canton Island, New Caledonia and Auckland, N. Z.—*Reuter*.

INDUSTRIALS IN STRONG DEMAND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

HEAVY INDUSTRIALS WERE STRONG AND ACTIVE ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE YESTERDAY ON THE REPORTS OF A NEW ARMAMENTS DRIVE.

Gilt-edged securities eased and home rails declined after an early advance.

Late demand for Kaffirs caused improvements in price.

Wall Street was steady.—*Reuter*.

CHIANG MISSION IN U.S.A.

Genoa, To-day.

Mr. Li Yu-ying, President of the Chinese National Academy, sailed from Genoa for America yesterday.

Political circles believe he is charged with a propaganda mission on behalf of General Chiang Kai-shek.—*Reuter*.

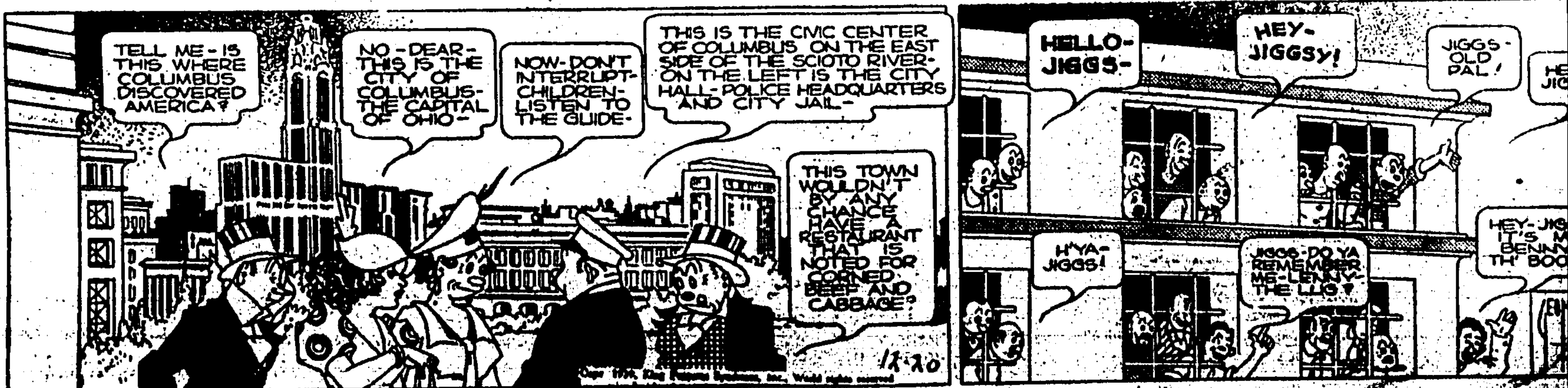
NEW BEST-SELLER

London, To-day.

Ten thousand copies of the English edition of the French Yellow Book have been sold in two days.—*Reuter*.

Bringing Up Father

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RATIONING OF PAPER

London, To-day.
Mr. Edward Burgin, Minister of Supply, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that a scheme for rationing paper was under consideration and an Order would be issued within a few days under the Defence Regulations prohibiting mills, except under licence, from supplying more than the proportion of paper hitherto supplied to their customers.—Reuter.

INDIAN COINAGE ACT

New Delhi, To-day.
The New Delhi Central Assembly opened yesterday, with the Congress Party, in accordance with its boycott, absent.

The first bill the Assembly will handle is designed to amend the Indian Coinage Act. Another bill is a 50 per cent. Excess Profits Tax Bill.—Reuter.

INCREASED ALLOY

New Delhi, To-day.
A bill aimed at amendment of the Indian Coinage Act was introduced at the budget session of the Central Assembly yesterday by Sir Jeremy Raisman, the Finance Member.

The measure proposes to reduce the fineness of the present four anna coin from 11/12ths silver and 1/12th alloy to half silver and half alloy.

It is explained that higher commodity prices have caused an increased demand for this coin.—Reuter.

INVESTITURE AT THE PALACE

London, To-day.
His Majesty the King held his first investiture of the war at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Officers and N.C.O.s of the three fighting services and a number of trawler skippers were among those to receive decorations.—Reuter.

ARMY COMFORTS FUND

London, To-day.
As a result of broadcasts and press appeals last week, 50,000 parcels have now been received by the Army Comforts Fund. The parcels will be distributed at Home and overseas.—Reuter.

CHAPEL CHAIRS STOLEN

Seven wooden chairs were stolen from the chapel in the Shamshulpo Military Camp between 8 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. yesterday, according to a report made to the police by Lance-Corporal G. Barrett, of the Middlesex Regiment.

The thief entered the chapel through an open window.



Life to you may seem like a bed of roses but move around a bit and you soon find the bed has a few thorns in it.

NAZIS MAKE NO BONES ABOUT 'HATE'

LONDON, TO-DAY.
GERMANY'S INHUMAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST SHIPPING WAS THE SUBJECT OF COMMENT, AMOUNTING AT TIMES ALMOST TO BOASTING, OVER THE NAZI WIRELESS STATIONS YESTERDAY MORNING.

The attacks on light-ships were defended and neutrals were told they would have to learn that it would not pay to go on sailing in British waters.

Nothing was said in the broadcast about the torpedoing of a Greek Steamer on January 28; the ship was bound from Greece, a neutral country, to the United States, another neutral.—Reuter.

NORWEGIAN COMMENT

Oslo, To-day.
The sinking of Norwegian ships by the Germans has been the theme of comment in the Norwegian Press for some days now, and this was continued yesterday.

One newspaper says that Norway should take a strong line with Germany and remarks in connection with trade negotiations that Norway should take this opportunity to secure a guarantee against attacks on Norwegian ships.—Reuter.

"CAPTURED"

"Say it with pictures" is to be Manager Vic Hugo's way of saying "Kung Hay Fat Choy" this Chinese New Year.

Following in the wake of "Code of the Secret Service," the first run picture that was shown at popular prices at the Oriental Theatre recently, "Captured," another Warner's production will hold the screen at this popular theatre during the holidays.

"Captured" should have a special appeal to the cinema public in more ways than one, the most important being the fact that it is a picture which will reveal to the public the horrors that form the background of prison camps in Germany.

Leslie Howard, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., and Margaret Lindsay take the important parts in the film.

NEW WAGES FOR MINERS

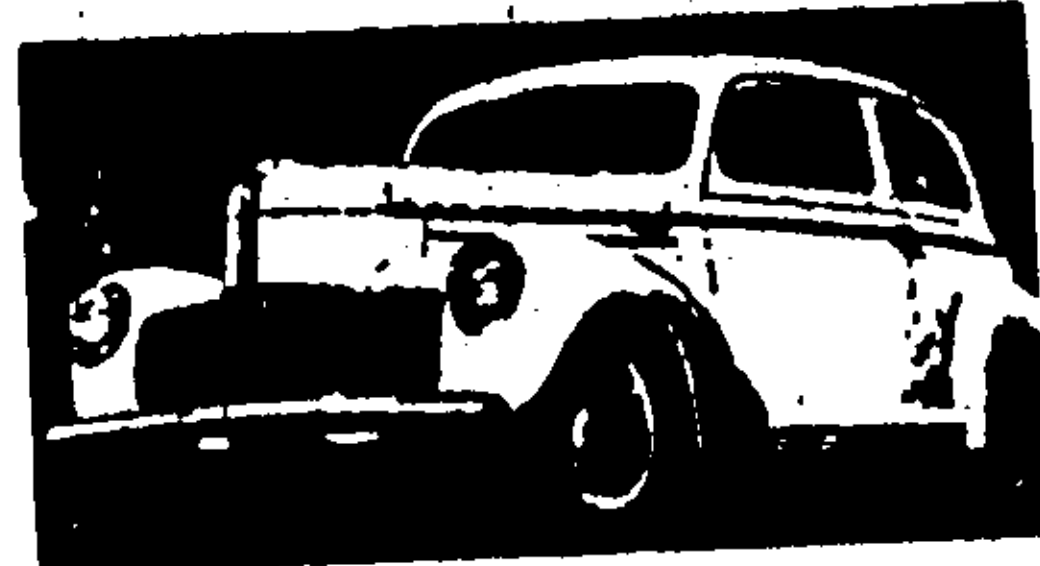
London, To-day.
Smooth working of the coal mines of Britain is ensured by a new wages agreement.

The mine workers voted by a large majority to accept the wage increases offered by the mine owners and which are based on variations in the cost of living.—Reuter.

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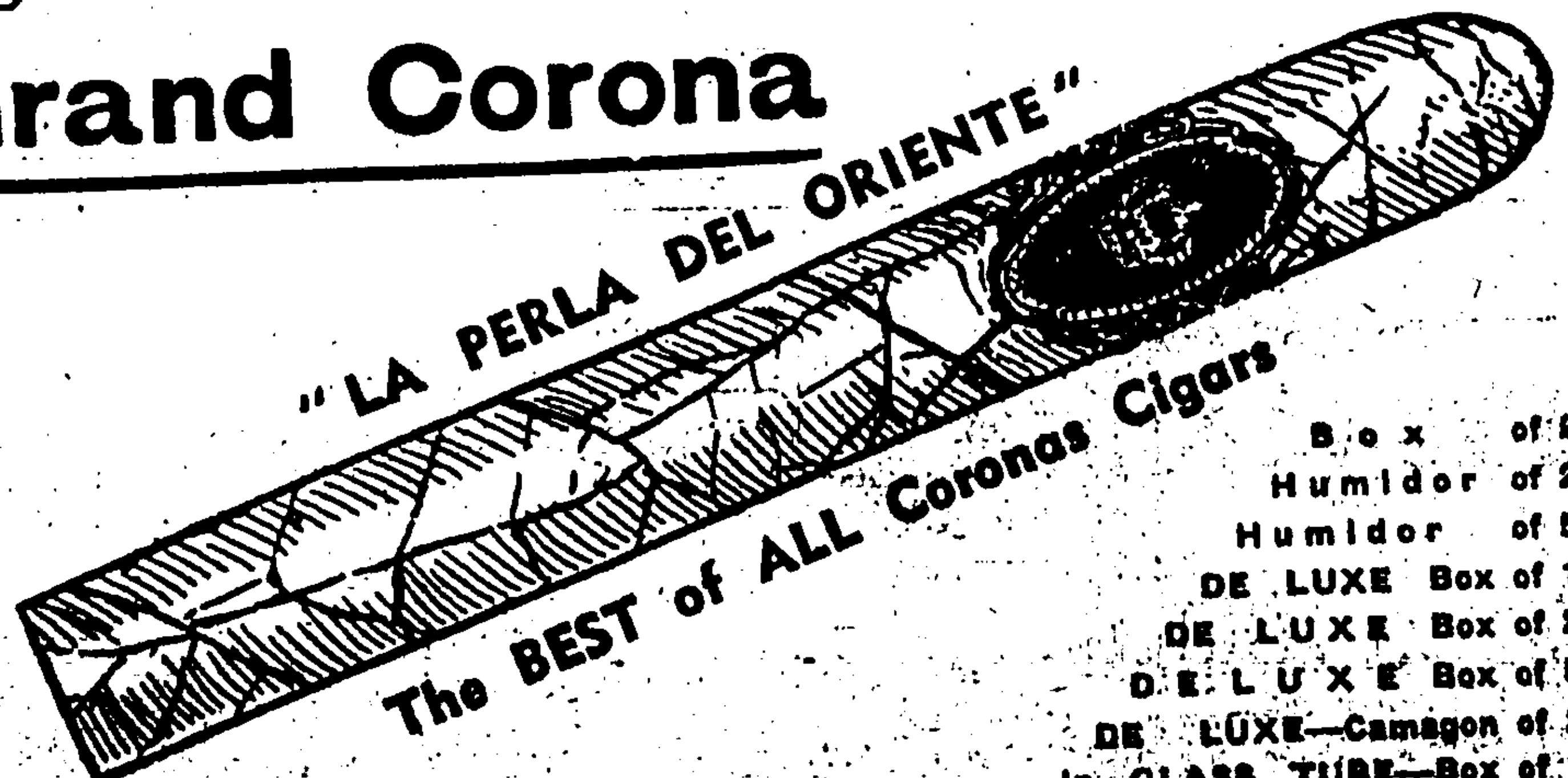
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On Friday, the 9th February, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

INWARD MAILS

Straits	February 7.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 15th Dec., 1939)...	February 7.
Canton	February 7.
Saigon	February 7.
Japan and Shanghai	February 7.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 31st Jan.	February 7.
Haiphong	February 7.
Shanghai and Amoy	February 7.
Shanghai	February 8.
Sandakan	February 8.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th January	February 8.
Haiphong, Hoilow and Fort Bayard	February 8.
Shanghai and Amoy	February 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London, date 24th January	February 9.
Shanghai	February 9.
Saigon	February 9.
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Shanghai	February 9.
Japan and Shanghai	February 9.

OUTWARD MAILS

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WEDNESDAY		
Parcels only for Tientsin		Feb. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Straits		Feb. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Hoilow		Feb. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Feb. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow		Wed., Feb. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Manila		Feb. 7, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 15th February.	Reg., ... Wed., Feb. 7, 5.00 p.m. Ord., ... Wed., Feb. 7, 5.30 p.m.	
	G.P.O. Reg., ... Wed., Feb. 7, 5.00 p.m. Ord., ... Wed., Feb. 7, 7.00 p.m.	
Shanghai and Japan		Feb. 7, 7.00 p.m.
Straits		Feb. 7, 7.00 p.m.

FRIDAY		
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 15th February.	Reg., ... Feb. 7, 5.00 p.m. Ord., ... Feb. 7, 5.30 p.m.	
	G.P.O. Reg., ... Feb. 7, 5.00 p.m. Ord., ... Feb. 9, 7.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		Feb. 9, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan		Feb. 9, 11.00 a.m.

SATURDAY		
Haiphong		Feb. 10, 2.00 p.m.
Amoy and Swatow		Feb. 10, 2.30 p.m.
Bangkok		Feb. 10, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 7th March—and London Parcels—due London, 16th March.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Parcels, ... Feb. 10, 3.00 p.m. Reg., ... Feb. 10, 5.00 p.m. Ord., ... Feb. 10, 5.30 p.m.	
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 18th Feb.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg., ... Feb. 10, 5.00 p.m. Ord., ... Feb. 10, 5.30 p.m.	

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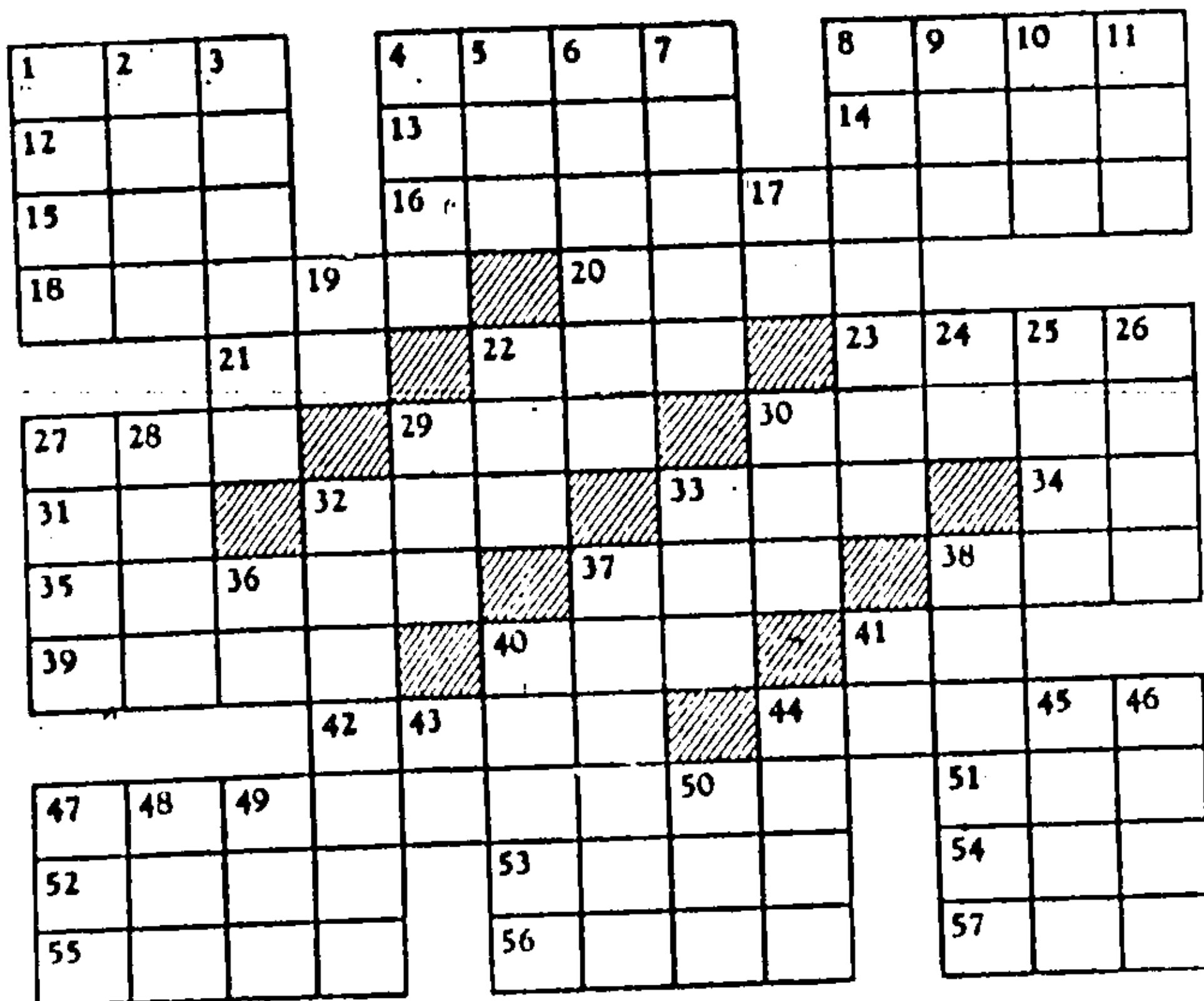
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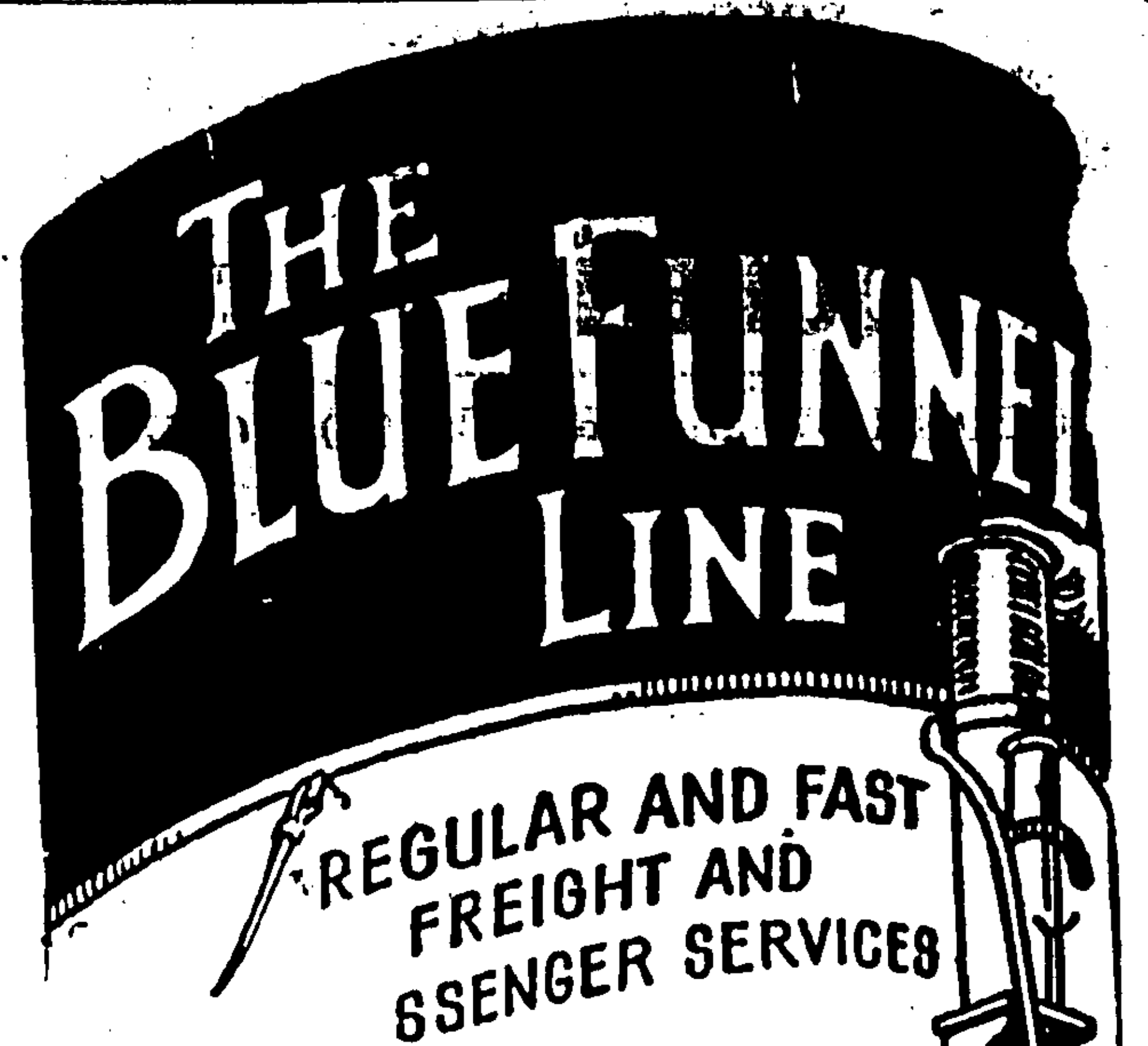
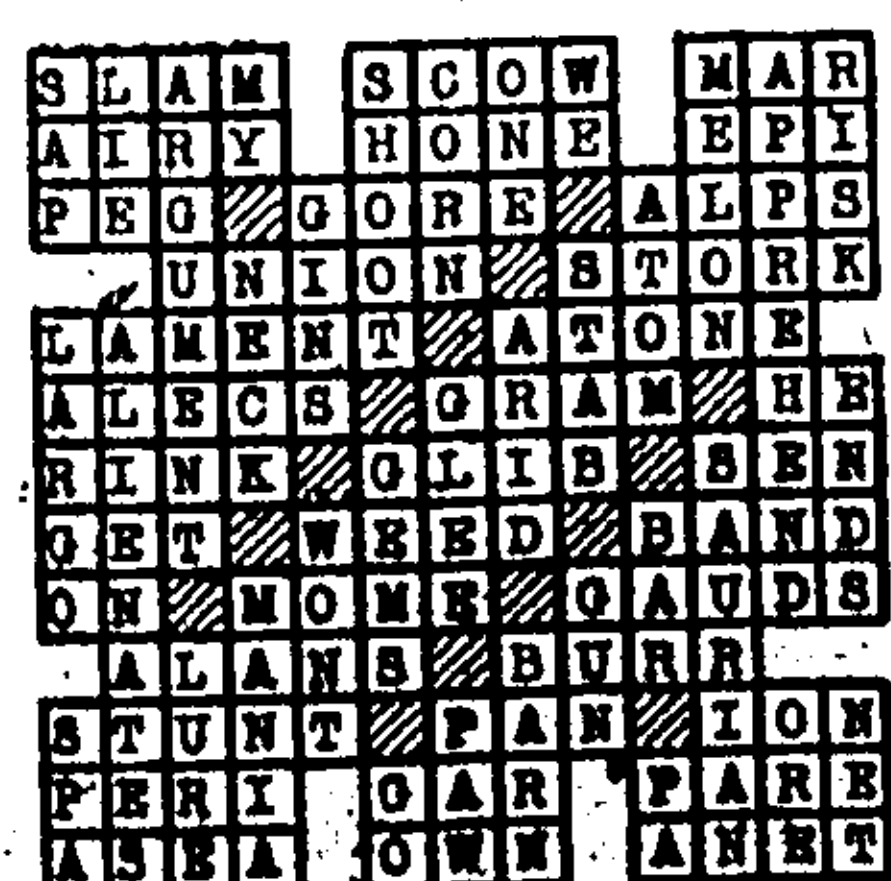
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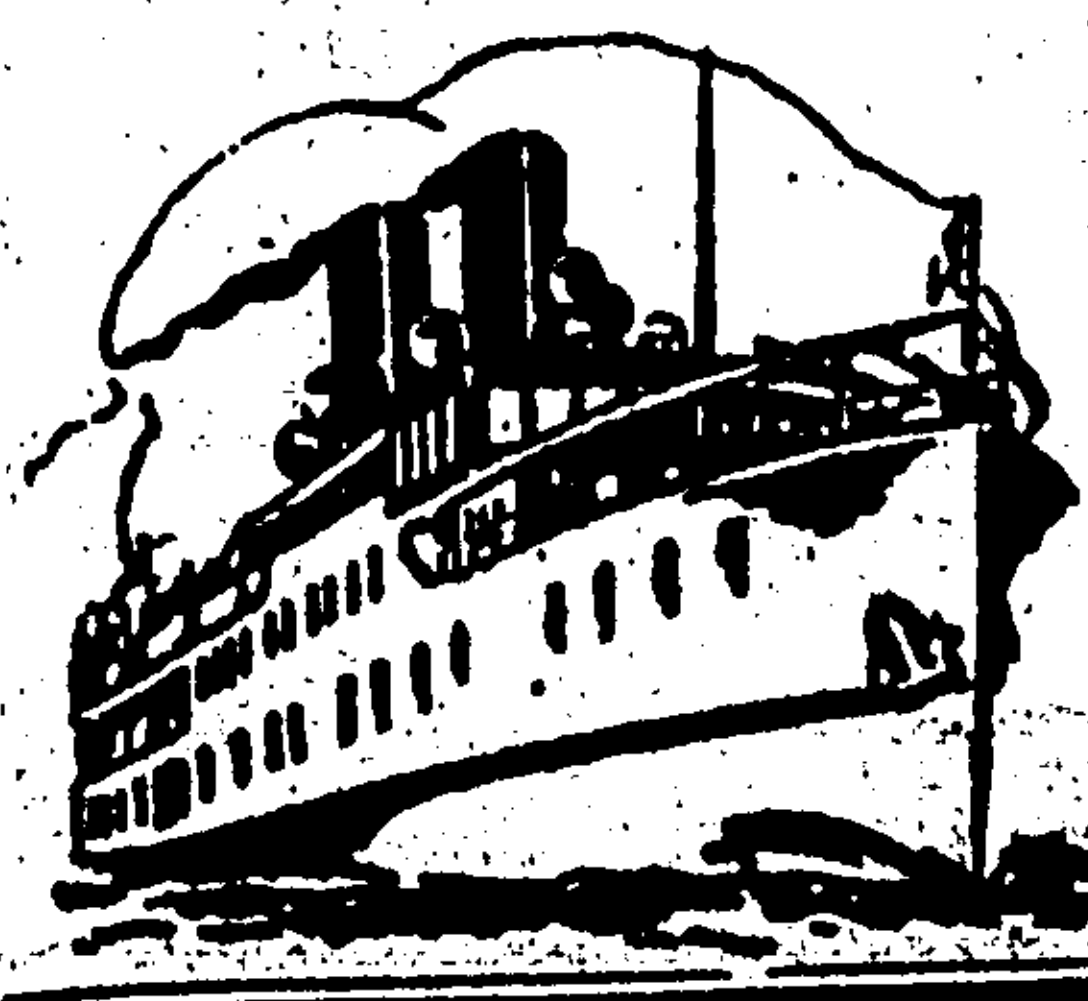
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LEWIS BOWLS WELL AT H.K.C.C.

The friendly cricket game between Police and Club juniors on Saturday last was played in anything but a congenial atmosphere—it was bitterly cold and the Club skipper had an eye to later conditions in the field when he elected to field first. Club missed their fast bowlers and the similarity of the attack all through was greatly to the benefit of Police.

The second wicket stand by A. E. Carey (49) and W. L. Clarke (50) dominated the Police innings and although neither was a particularly polished effort Club simply couldn't get them out! The later batsmen did not carry on the good work and once H. Danbrowsky went the innings was soon over. Club bowling was weak and inclined to be short of a length all through, while the fielding left much to be desired—some players apparently found their hands too numb to stop the ball.

Police attack had Club tied up right from the start and only 20 runs were scored in the first 45 minutes. J. Lewis, who was bowling beautifully, had C. W. E. B. shop all at sea on several occasions before uprooting his leg stump.

R. D. Gillespie stayed a long time without scoring but once C. Pope began to lose his length he 'carted' him all over the field for a bright 34. Pope had his revenge, however, when he took a good return from a very poor ball. The next few batsmen made little difference to the total and though R. S. W. Paterson stole a few short runs—one from a ball played only three feet to leg—the end soon came and Police got back to the comforts of the pavilion before

the cold became really vile. Lewis bowled well for his 3 for 15 in 8 overs. Pope was hardly at his best. Forrest (4 for 18) found his "tempters" claimed easy victims, and the fielding was neither good nor bad.

SARAJOGLU WELCOMED IN SOFIA

Sofia, To-day.

M. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, spent some hours yesterday in Sofia as the guest of the Bulgarian Prime Minister. He is on his way back from the Balkan Entente conference and during the morning he was received by King Boris of Bulgaria.

These renewed discussions have aroused great interest and the Bulgarian Press gives much space to the friendly relations existing between the two countries.

A fresh sign of the harmonious relations between Bulgaria and the other Balkan countries is seen in the report that the Yugoslav Minister of Commerce is to visit Bulgaria to try and stimulate trade.

This, it is felt, can be taken as the first step towards the carrying out of the provisions of the Entente conference in favour of every effort being made to promote Balkan trade.

In an interview with a Greek newspaper, the Rumanian Foreign Minister said that the Balkan Entente is now concerned not just with Balkan questions, but with European questions. — Reuter.

Consolidating Peace In The Balkans

Sofia, To-day.

M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was given a cordial send-off when he left Sofia after an eight-hour visit.

The importance of his meetings with M. Klosselvanoff, the Bulgarian Premier, is emphasised as a factor consolidating peace in the Balkans.

The press warmly extols M. Sarajoglu's visit, "Slovo," the official organ, writing: "One practical result of the Belgrade conference is the closer friendship between Turkey and Bulgaria which creates the possibility of real Balkan collaboration for the preservation of peace." — Reuter.

WALTHAM ABBEY GALLANTRY

London, To-day.

Three workers in the Waltham Abbey Gunpowder Factory have been awarded the O.B.E. (Civil Division), for gallantry in the recent explosion in the factory.

They are Leo O'Hagen, Stanley Sewell and William Sylvester.

It is stated that although they might have sought safety, they remained at their posts within a short distance of the centre of the explosion and continued determinedly at work which exposed them to acute danger for some hours.—Reuter.

WRITER DIES AT 105

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

Reports from Russia announced the death of the famous woman writer Catherine Novikova Sarina, aged 105. She was known for her tales on Russian life.—Havas.

Mrs. Panet, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel H. de L. Panet, residing at No. 16, Felix Villas, had her handbag stolen from the counter of a shop at No. 49, Wing Lok Street, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

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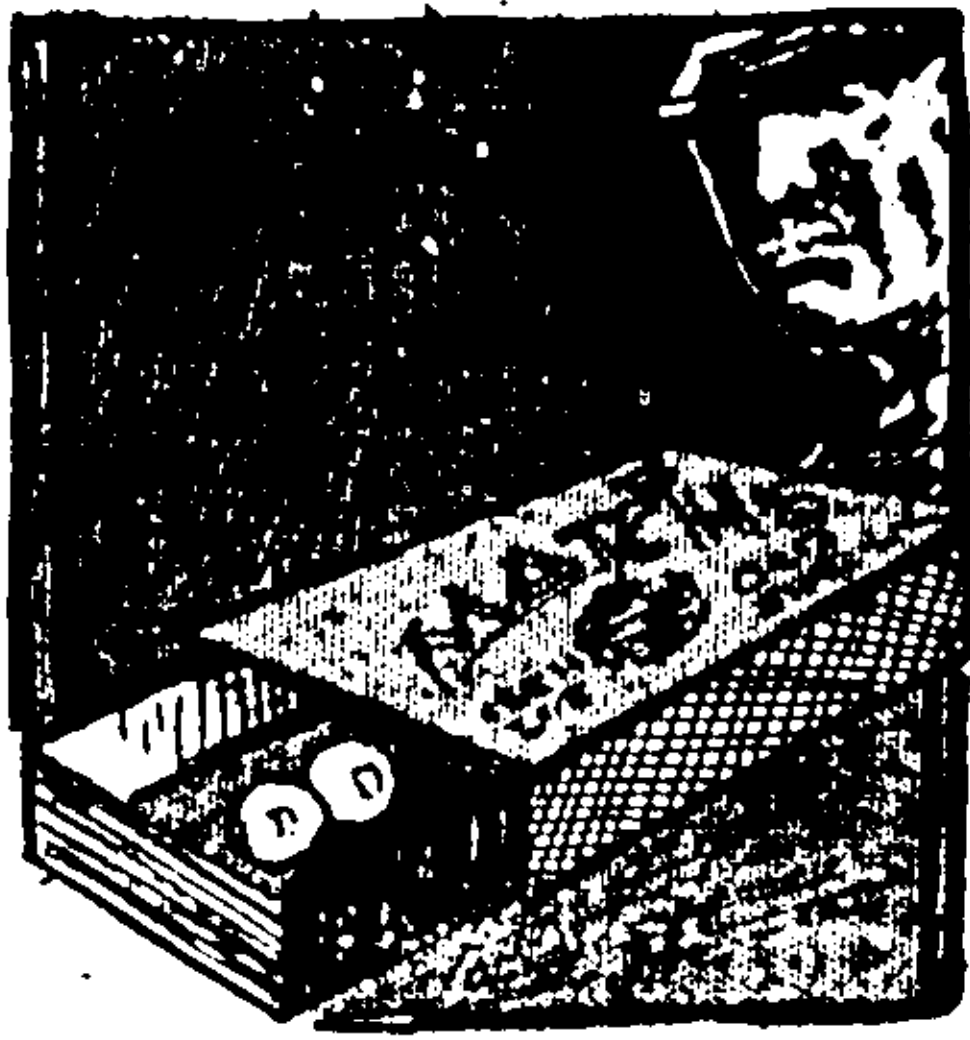


REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

HATTON GARDEN
DIAMOND ROBBERY

It was in 1913 that Max Mayer, a diamond and pearl merchant, whose shop was in Hatton Garden, London, became the owner of a necklace consisting of 61 perfectly matched pearls. It had taken 10 years to collect them. The necklace was insured with Lloyd's for several hundred thousand dollars. Views concerning its actual value varied, but the consensus of opinion was that it was worth, approximately, \$1,000,000.

On June 20, 1913, Mr. Mayer received a wire from his Paris representative, Henri Salomen, saying he had a prospective customer. It was sent there at once, but agent and customer could not agree on terms, and it had to be returned. The matter of sending it back by messenger was debated and finally abandoned. The owner was fearful of robbery. It was



The denouement was prosaic yet sensational. Two weeks after the tube meeting a young piano worker found a big match box in the gutter—and it contained the missing pearls. The crooks had been shrewd enough to leave the pearls with the wife of James Lockett, one of their number. When she heard of their arrest she had thrown the precious gems into the gutter, knowing that if found in her possession she would go to jail.

The evidence was complete and at the trial the four jewel thieves—Joseph Grizard, Samuel Silverman, Leiser Gutwirth and James Lockett—were convicted and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. Probably the young piano worker was suitably rewarded, but there is no mention of this in the official story of the famous crime.

A message containing congratulations and good wishes was sent by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, to the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union yesterday.

By
GEORGE BARTON

finally decided to return it by registered post. It was inclosed in a leather case with two large drop pearls and a round pearl. The case was placed in a wooden box. This was wrapped in blue paper and sealed with Mr. Mayer's initials, "M. M."

The strictest attention was paid to all details, but when the box finally reached Mr. Mayer's office and he opened it, the pearls were not there. In place of them the dazed dealer found eight cubes of French sugar, wrapped in cotton and inclosed in part of a newspaper, the Echo de Paris of July 2.

In half an hour Chief Inspector Ward of Scotland Yard was listening to the tale of the distracted merchant. In the investigation that followed every yard of land and sea over which the necklace travelled from Paris to London was covered. The letter carrier who had taken it from the post-office to Mr. Mayer's office was able to tell all of the steps he had taken. He had delivered other packages in Hatton Garden. One of these was to a Mr. Silverman, a jeweller in a small way. The dealer was cross-examined but to no effect.

The underwriters offered a reward of \$50,000 for the recovery of the pearls. A full description of the missing pearls was sent to every part of the world.

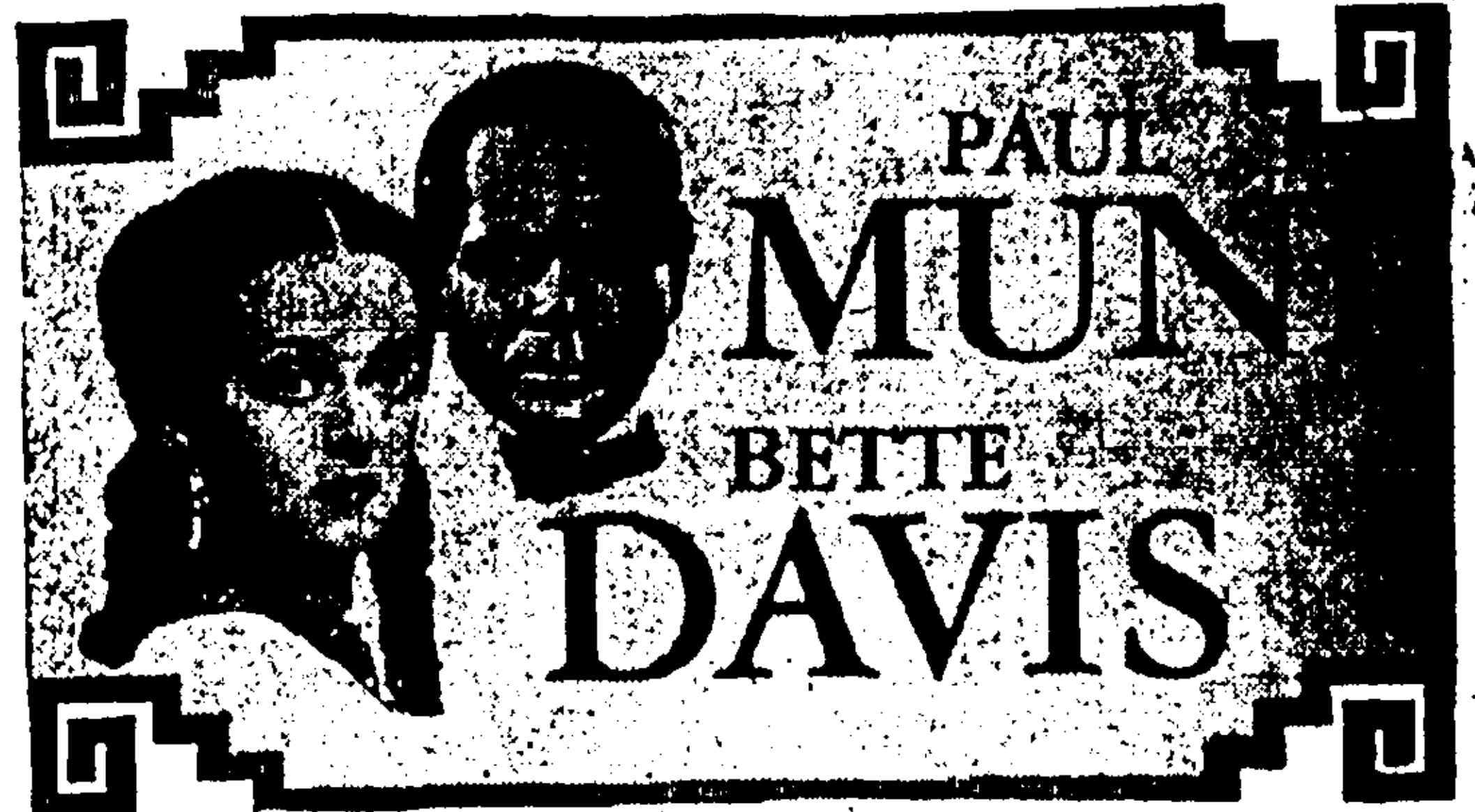
Early in August, Chief Inspector Ward got an intimation that the Hatton Garden gems had gone to Antwerp. Instead of sending detectives, two brokers, Quadratstein and Brandstatter, went there with promises of a reward. They finally discovered that a man named Leiser Gutwirth knew something about the missing pearls. He told them he was willing to sell them the necklace for a million francs if he were given 100,000 francs as his commission.

He even agreed to meet them in a Lyons tea room in Holborn. He did so and showed them the two big drop pearls and the round pearl as an evidence of good faith. He was presented to a Mr. Spanier, who was said to be interested in the deal. Mr. Spanier, it might be stated, was one of the most reliable operatives of Scotland Yard. A second meeting was planned at which Gutwirth promised to produce the pearls and Mr. Spanier the money to buy them — of all places—in the British Museum tube station.

When Gutwirth and two of his pals appeared there they were arrested. They were searched and even stripped, but no pearls were found. In the meantime, it was discovered that when the man had stopped at the office of Samuel Silverman a fake box had been cleverly substituted for the one with the pearls—and this absolutely without the knowledge of the carrier.

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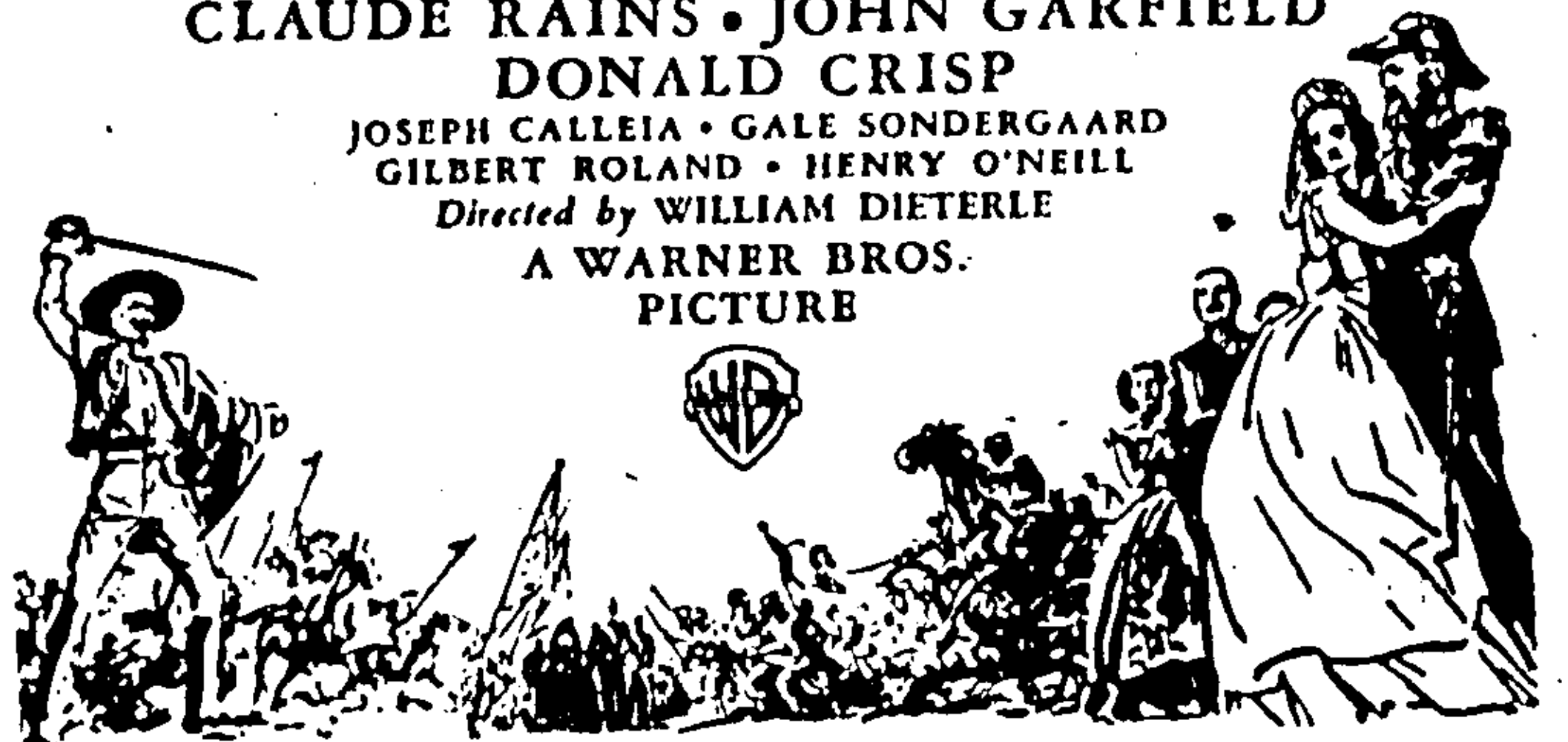


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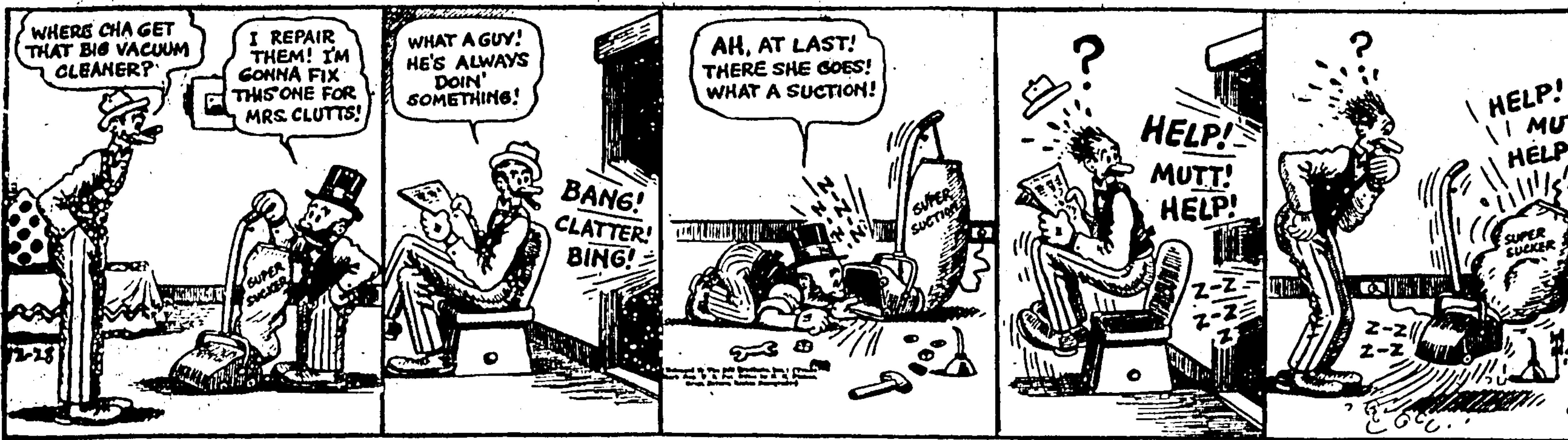
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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



Classical Request Programme

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Saxophone Solos by Coleman Hawkins.
12.40 p.m.—De Groot & His Orchestra. Waldteufel Memories (arr. Finck);
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—A Mozart Song.
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. Musical Comedy Marches. Intro: Riff

Song (Desert Song); The Mounties (Rose-Marie); Song of the Drum (from same); The Three Musketeers (from same); Tokay (Bitter Sweet); The Robbers' March (Chu Chin Chow); Love's Sentry (Madame Pompadour); Goodbye (The White Horse Inn)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"Home and Beauty"—Selection... Adelphi Theatre Orchestra cond. by Francis Collinson.
"Lady Luck"—Vocal Gems (Hedley, Strachey & Rodgers)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"The Gold Diggers of Broadway" (Burke)... Regal Cinema Orchestra with Quentin Maclean (Organ).

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Smoke From A Chimney; Moonlight on the Highway... Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders.
Slow Fox-Trot—Melody In Brown; Fox-Trot—Mama, I Wanna Make Rhythm (film "Manhattan Music Box")... Ray Ventura & His Collegians.
Waltz—The Moon of Manakoor (film "The Hurricane"); Tango—Cuore Vagabondo... Mario De Pietre & His Estudiantina.
Fox-Trots—Once In A While; Little Drummer Boy... Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Slow Fox-Trot—I Still Love To Kiss You—Goodnight (film "52nd Street"); Waltz—Dance The Moonlight Waltz with Me... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.
Tangos—Hear My Song, Violetta; Jealousy... Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Reckless Night On Board an Ocean Liner; The Popcorn Man... Ray Ventura & His Collegians.
Waltz—"Tis Better to Have Loved and Lost; Fox-Trot—I'll Never Let You Cry (film "In Old Chicago")... Billy Thorburn & His Music.
Tangos—Pura Milonga; Mal De Ausencia... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trot—Where The World Ends... Eugen Wolff & His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Light Variety.
Orch.—"The Little Dog Laughed"—Selection... The London Palladium Orchestra; Comedians—Blacking Out the Flat (Askey & Murdoch).... Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch; Orch.—"Black Velvet" Medley... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra; Military Band Country Life Suite (Alford)... The Band of H.M. Royal Marine Plymouth Division.
Orch.—"All Clear" Medley... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—All-In "Bee"—Services v. Civilians.
8.30 p.m.—Two Piano Recital Rawlax and Landauer.
Nola (Arndt); "The Street Singer" Film Selection.
8.40 p.m.—New Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trot—Blue Orchids; Fox-Trot—Day In—Day Out... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—The Washing on the Siegfried Line; I'm Sending you the Siegfried Line... Ambrose & His Orchestra.
Waltz—There's Danger In The Wall (from "The little dog laughed Quickstep—My Man... Gerald & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—One Life... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.
Fox-Trot—The Song of the Metronome (film "Second Fiddle")... Eddy Duchin & His Orchestra.
9.05 p.m.—Eric Coates—"London Again" Suite. The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Crenan.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News
9.30 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. 1 in C Minor ("Tragic"). Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.
10.05 p.m.—A Request Classical Programme.
Romeo and Juliet—Overture (Tchaikowsky)... Willem Mengelberg & His Concertgebouw Orchestra
Oh, Star of Eve ("Tannhauser", Wagner); Even Bravest Heart ("Faust"—Gounod)... Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orch.
Serenade (Pierne)... Renee Chem (Violin) with Piano accomp.
Kamennoi-Ostrow, Op. 10, No. 3 (Rubinstein)... New Light Symphony Orchestra and Organ.
Il Bacio (Arditi)... Deanna Durb (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Blue Danube Waltz (Johann Strauss)... Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.
Tell Me To-night (from the film)... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Sylvan Scenes Suite (Percy Fletcher)... London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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With both sides vulnerable and on score, West thought that it behooved him to push his opponents to a contract where he would have a chance of defeating them. Thus, although he held only five sure tricks, West bid bravely up to three hearts. After all, he did have 150 honours as some compensation in the event that his opponents were nasty enough to double. But West got away with his overbidding, and South eventually won the contract at four diamonds.

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
Both sides 40 on score
♠ A Q J 9 6 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A 5
♣ A 4
♠ 10 4
♥ A K Q J
♦ 10
♣ 7 3 2
♠ Q 6 5
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♠ K 8 7 5 3
♥ 4
♦ 8 6
♣ K J 9 7 2
♠ —
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ K Q J 10 9 4
♣ 10 8 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 2♦ 3♥
2♠ Pass 3♦ 3♥
3♠ Dbl. 4♦ Pass
Pass Pass

West opened the King of hearts and continued, his partner meanwhile signalling in clubs. After cashing three heart tricks, West obediently shifted to a club, which was won by dummy's Ace. On the spade Ace Declarer discarded a club, then followed with the Queen and when East refused to cover, the remaining club was discarded. South was then able to ruff his last heart with dummy's Ace, then draw trumps and make his contract.

West was properly indignant over East's defensive misplay, and said, "I took my life in my hands in the bidding, whereupon you gave away

the contract by refusing to cover the Queen of spades." Trying to justify himself, East replied, "I was afraid that Declarer held seven trumps so that if I covered, he could draw two rounds of trumps and then use dummy's spade suit for discards."

"Your analysis is fallacious," West retorted. "If Declarer held seven trumps, the contract could not be defeated for the Ace of club would be his eighth trick and the two spade tricks would make a total of ten. Therefore, you should have covered the spade on the assumption that I held three trumps."

Yesterday David Bruce Burnstone was your partner. You were the dealer and held:

♠ A x x
♥ K x x
♦ A K x x x
♣ x x

The bidding:

You Maler Burnstone Jacoby
1♦ Pass 3♣ Pass
3♦ Pass 3NT Pass
(7)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four notrump. This bid definitely invites a Slam, and at the same time shows that although you have a five-card diamond suit, your hand is otherwise balanced.

Score 100% for four notrump, 0 for pass. Incidentally, if you are using an artificial four-notrump convention, you have no satisfactory bid in this situation.

QUESTION NO. 328

You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

♠ K J x x x
♥ A x x x x
♦ x
♣ x

The bidding:

You Schenken Jacoby Maler
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass
(7)

What do you bid? (Answer—Tuesday)

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CRICKET NOTES

LAY JUST MISSES CENTURY FOR K.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

I'm afraid the standard of cricket never reached a very high level at Cox's Road, where Kowloon Cricket Club made further progress in their bid for the championship by beating a very poor University team with the greatest of ease.

Both teams were seriously depleted owing to Volunteer Camp but whereas the second team of Kowloon Cricket Club were without a fixture and were thus in a position to provide a number of useful men, the University junior side was engaged in a League match and consequently replacements were difficult to secure.

Under the circumstances it was extremely sporting of University to turn out a team at all.

There were all sorts of delays in the first hour during which I don't suppose there was more than 15 minutes play.

The non-arrival of the University gear caused the first delay and eventually the team was forced to take the field in ordinary shoes. Setting of the field was an inordinately lengthy process and the game was just getting under way when the errant University boy arrived with the missing gear, which caused another adjournment while six members of the fielding team rushed in to change into their boots, including the wicket-keeper.

MULCAHY RETIRES

Out again and on. More setting of fields and then Mulcahy was struck on the jaw by a ball from Mahmood which got up sharply and had to leave the field for attention. After further delay Fincher went to the wicket and cricket settled down for keeps!

During all these little interruptions, Lay had been going along steadily, taking no chances but scoring off the loose ones. Now he started to open up. He had more of the bowling than Fincher and made good use of it. I omitted to mention that he was dropped behind the wicket off Lo before he had scored and he gave chances regularly after that, one being before the score was 20.

Nevertheless the cricket he served up was valuable. He hit a long-hop from Mahmood out of the ground on to Gun Club Hill and kept up the good work.

BOWLERS TIRING

Lo and Mahmood were obviously tiring but were given no respite. Result was a series of short balls which nearly always went for fours. Lay was playing some rank bad shots among some really good ones, but nothing that went to hand was held and no fewer than 100 runs were added in the space of only 22 minutes.

Lay's fierce innings came to a close when Fenton took a nice catch off a real skier in the country off Tam's bowling. He had batted, less interruptions, for about 60 minutes and looked a safe bet for a century in his first senior League match. For all that he and Fincher added 100 for the second wicket.

Fincher went along more sedately and his innings was chanceless. His most profitable scoring shot, apart from the hook, which the bowlers catered for persistently, was an off-drive which went through the covers like a bullet.

Fincher played some better shots on Saturday than he has done since his return from leave.

In the later stages, Burnett, who was making his first appearance for K.C.C. this season, hit recklessly for 17 not out, and Mulcahy declared just before 4 o'clock with 178 on the board.

KEEN FIELDER

Mahmood and Lo both bowled well in patches, while K. Y. Tam gave a keen display of fielding at cover-point.

The University innings was little more than a procession. Curtis bowled fast-medium from the Bowling Green Club end, and Lloyd revealed all his cunning at the pavilion end on a wicket just to his liking.

K. Y. Tam, a left-hander who opened with C. N. Matthews, looked fairly promising, watching the ball right on to his bat, but he played too soon at Lloyd's slower ball, which got up, and was easily taken by Mulcahy at silly mid-off. Matthews looked very confident and his defensive strokes were very nicely made. Lloyd, however, caught and bowled him just as he was beginning to show signs of becoming dangerous.

Apart from a promising innings by Kenneth Lo, a well-made youth with a good eye, there was little of interest in the remainder of the innings, although Chim Theam-siew lived up the last 10 minutes with some daring "cow-shots" which prevented Lloyd's final figures from being even more impressive.

3 WICKETS FOR 2 RUNS

Lloyd took his first three wickets in three overs for only two runs and his last three in 4.6 overs for 17.

Curtis was exceedingly steady after he had warmed up and I would like to see him in action against stronger opposition. He looks to be promising material for the first team in the near future.

K.C.C. accepted all the chances offered.

Anderson Leading All-Rounder

N. Beltrao, Recreio stumper, is heading the batting averages of First Division of the Cricket League by virtue of two undefeated innings, but he does not steal the thunder of Donald Anderson's fine average of 131.00 as the result of scores of 75 not out against Craigengower and 56 against Army. E. F. Fincher, another K.C.C. player, is third with 53.50, made up by scores of 28 against Craigengower, 22 against Army and 57 not out against University.

Only six bowlers have qualified for inclusion and Anderson heads this list with very impressive figures. Notable absentees are Hatfield of Army, Eddie Gosano of Recreio and Robbie Lee of K.C.C.

Following are the averages to date:

First Division

BATting					
(Qualification—21 ins. av. of 15 and over.)					
	N.	O.	R.	H.S.	Avg.
N. Beltrao (Rec.)	2	2	33	29*	—
D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	2	1	131	75*	131.00
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.)	3	1	107	57*	53.50
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	2	1	38	30*	38.00
Cpl. Webb (Army)	2	0	73	59	36.50
L. G. Gosano (Rec.)	2	0	73	72	36.50
K. Nazarin (I.R.C.)	2	0	56	54	28.00
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	2	0	54	47	27.00
F. R. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	2	0	44	44	22.00
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	2	0	41	41	20.50
Y. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	3	1	41	23*	20.50
A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	3	0	60	25	20.00
J. Gosano (Rec.)	2	0	39	20	19.50
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	2	0	38	37	19.00
M. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	3	1	37	19*	18.50
H. L. Ozorio (Rec.)	2	1	17	13*	17.00
E. A. Lee (C.C.C.)	2	0	30	18	15.00
Lt. Skipwith (Army)	2	0	30	23	15.00

BOWLING					
(Qualification—two matches; five wickets; average 15 or under.)					
	N.	O.	M.	R.	W. Avg.
D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	10	1	36	7	5.14
H. L. Ozorio (Rec.)	27	6	65	8	8.25
G. Winch (C.C.C.)	19	2	69	7	9.85
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	35.4	10	145	14	10.35
N. D. Lloyd (K.C.C.)	34.6	3	147	12	12.25
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	30	8	117	9	13.00

Second Division

BATting					
(Qualification—two matches; five wickets; average 15 or under.)					
	N.	O.	R.	H.S.	Avg.
Major Swyers (Army)	2	2	40	27*	—
Lt. Fergus (Army)	2	1	65	56	66.00
H. A. Barros (Rec.)	3	1	108	55*	54.00
Lt. Man (Army)	2	0	77	64	38.50
Capt. Whatman (Army)	2	0	73	50	36.50
H. M. Xavier (Rec.)	3	1	71	58*	35.50
G. A. Guterres (Rec.)	2	1	35	24*	35.00
Q.M.S. Patterson (Army)	3	0	91	63	30.33
G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	91	86	28.66
W. L. Clarke (Police)	2	0	53	35	26.50
G. Hong Choy (Univ.)	2	0	52	49	26.00
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	2	1	26	25	26.00
A. J. Wright (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	25	13	25.00
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	4	0	87	44	21.75
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	3	1	42	23*	21.00
R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	3	0	58	26	19.33
T. T. Chin (Univ.)	3	0	57	44	19.00
T. Locke (C.C.C.)	2	1	19	19	19.00
Capt. Lawrence (Army)	3	0	56	29	18.66
G. Stone (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	55	33	18.33
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	4	0	73	41	18.25
A. Hung (K.C.C.)	2	0	36	25	18.00
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	4	2	35	24*	17.50
F. A. Curraem (I.R.C.)	2	0	35	22	17.50
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	3	0	52	23	17.33
C. Pope (Police)	2	0	34	27	17.00
H. Danbrowsky (Police)	2	0	34	34	17.00
N. Broadbridge (C.C.C.)	2	1	17	16	17.00
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)	2	0	33	17	16.50
R. M. Soares (Univ.)	2	0	31	25	15.50
V. C. Bond (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	45	24	15.00

BOWLING					
(Qualification—two matches; five wickets; average 15 or under.)					
	N.	O.	M.	R.	W. Avg.
B. R. Iranes (C.C.C.)	12	1	29	6	4.83
J. E. Norenha (Rec.)	14.3	2	49	9	5.44
G. A. Guterres (Rec.)	16	2	59	9	7.38
Lt. Peal (Army)	8	1	64	7	7.74
N. Singh (Univ.)	21.5	0	123	12	10.25
G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.)	25.8	2	107	10	10.70
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	28.2	4	99	8	12.38
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	20	2	82	6	13.66

Curtis took a hot c and b, while Burnett brought off one of the most spectacular catches seen on the ground for a long time when he took a hard left-handed chance low down off-eyed Mahmood, at short leg.

Champions' Finest Batting Display

MINU AND MADAR ARE MASTERED

(By "ADREM")

The improvement in the Recreio senior eleven was demonstrated on Saturday in their match against Indian Recreation Club but, despite a batting display which must rank as their finest since their return to Senior Division, they were held to a draw.

I cannot say that I was greatly surprised at this result. I expected, if anything, that Recreio would have had a far rougher time of it than they did, as I did not expect their batsmen, improvement notwithstanding, to take such complete command of the bowling of A. R. Minu and A. H. Madar.

The latter failed for once with the ball but played a typical innings which really put paid to the champions' chances of forcing an outright win.

Batting first, Recreio were never in difficulty. Left-handed L. G. Gosano and his youngest brother, J. M. Gosano, put on 60 for the first wicket, of which L. G. claimed almost 40, and thereafter runs came steadily, with Soares, P. M. N. da Silva and H. L. Ozorio all reaching double-figures.

45 RUNS IN FIVE OVERS

Minu bowled steadily, conceding only 11 runs in his first five overs, but not until the opposition started to go for the runs did he take wickets. He finished up with 3 for 56, his last five overs conceding 45 runs.

A. M. Rumjahn did not permit many liberties to be taken with his bowling. His analysis was the best of the innings, his three wickets costing only 10 runs apiece.

I.R.C. ran up against trouble almost immediately. With only 12 runs on the board, Bob Arculli, who opened the innings for the first time this season, was caught by G. N. Gosano off Ozorio and although A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. Kitchell offered some measure of resistance to add a further 22, the latter fell to the wiles of the same bowler with the score at 33.

Rumjahn did not long survive and after M. el Arculli and A. H. Madar had carried the score to 56 before the dismissal of the former, A. M. Rumjahn was dismissed with the addition of only two runs.

HOPES DASHED

At this stage the score-board read 58 for 5 and whatever hopes I.R.C. might have had of forcing a win had evaporated.

Madar, however, was still there and after two more wickets had fallen to Ozorio, he was joined by his brother, with whom he successfully held the fort until stumps were drawn.

Ozorio maintained his reputation for consistency by taking six of the seven wickets

that fell for only 38 runs. As ever, he was backed by a keen field.

FIRST I.R.C. WIN

I.R.C. secured their first win in Junior Division when they beat University, who found it difficult to raise a side after the first eleven had made exhaustive claims on their juniors. R. M. Soares top-scored for the undergraduates with 25 and the side totalled 80. Y. T. Barma securing 4 for 15. H. T. Barma, 24 run out, and M. I. Razack (25) put I.R.C. well on the way to victory and the visitors won by 8 wickets. N. Singh had 3 for 41 in a total of 83 for 6.

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WEEK-END SOCCER

The following is the programme for the week-end:—

TO-MORROW

Combined Chinese v United Services
(Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Omar

Linesmen:—Hinchcliffe and Ford.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1940

Interport Game

Hong Kong v Saigon
(Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Stokes.

Linesmen:—Beard and Foster.

SATURDAY

Eastern v Saigon
(Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.)

Second Division

Ordnance v South China
(Military ground, 2.45 p.m.)

Third Division

12th R.A. v 5th A.A.R.A.
(Stanley, 2.45 p.m.)

24th R.A. v Engineers
(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)

TODAY'S SOCCER
IN KOWLOON

The Second Round Senior Shield soccer tie between Police and Middlesex will be played this afternoon at Boundary Street at 4 p.m.

University meet Police in their postponed Second Division encounter on the same ground at 2.30 p.m.

Service Corps v South China
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)

Kumaons v Electric
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)

SUNDAY

South China A.A. v Saigon
(Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Mitchell.

Linesmen:—Clark and Minnihan.

THE CHINA MAIL, FEBRUARY 7, 1940

ENGINEERS' RUGBY WIN

In the only Army League Rugby game played yesterday at Sookunpoo, Royal Engineers beat Middlesex by a penalty goal and three tries (12 points) to nil.

The Sappers were the heavier pack and had more of the ball in the scrums. Waite played a good game as also did Birrell. The Middlesex forwards worked hard and played well on the whole but their full-back was weak.

The first half was closely contested, Sappers taking the lead when Birrell kicked a grand penalty goal from some 30 yards out, and soon after the same player crossed over for a try, which he failed to convert. In the second half Sappers went further ahead through two unconverted tries by Birrell.

The other game, between Royal Scots and 5th A.A., Royal Artillery, was not played due to a misunderstanding regarding the time of the kick-off.

Royal Engineers:—Otway, Jones, Artigstall, Picton and Birrell; Waite and Foley; Pike, Appeley, Davis, Bouzan, Blackman, Martin, Brinkley and Sheldrake.

Middlesex:—Holdford; Fergusson, Man, Maggeridge and Witham; Weedon and Jones; Pearce, Hewitt, Burrell, Jennings, Wodey, Harlock, Gilham and Berry.

To-night's Boxing

The Finals of the Hong Kong Army Area Inter-Unit Novice Boxing tournament will take place this evening at 8.30 p.m. at Murray Barracks.

The weekly spoon and practice shoot of Hong Kong Rifle Association will be held this afternoon at the Kowloon City Range starting at 1.45 p.m.

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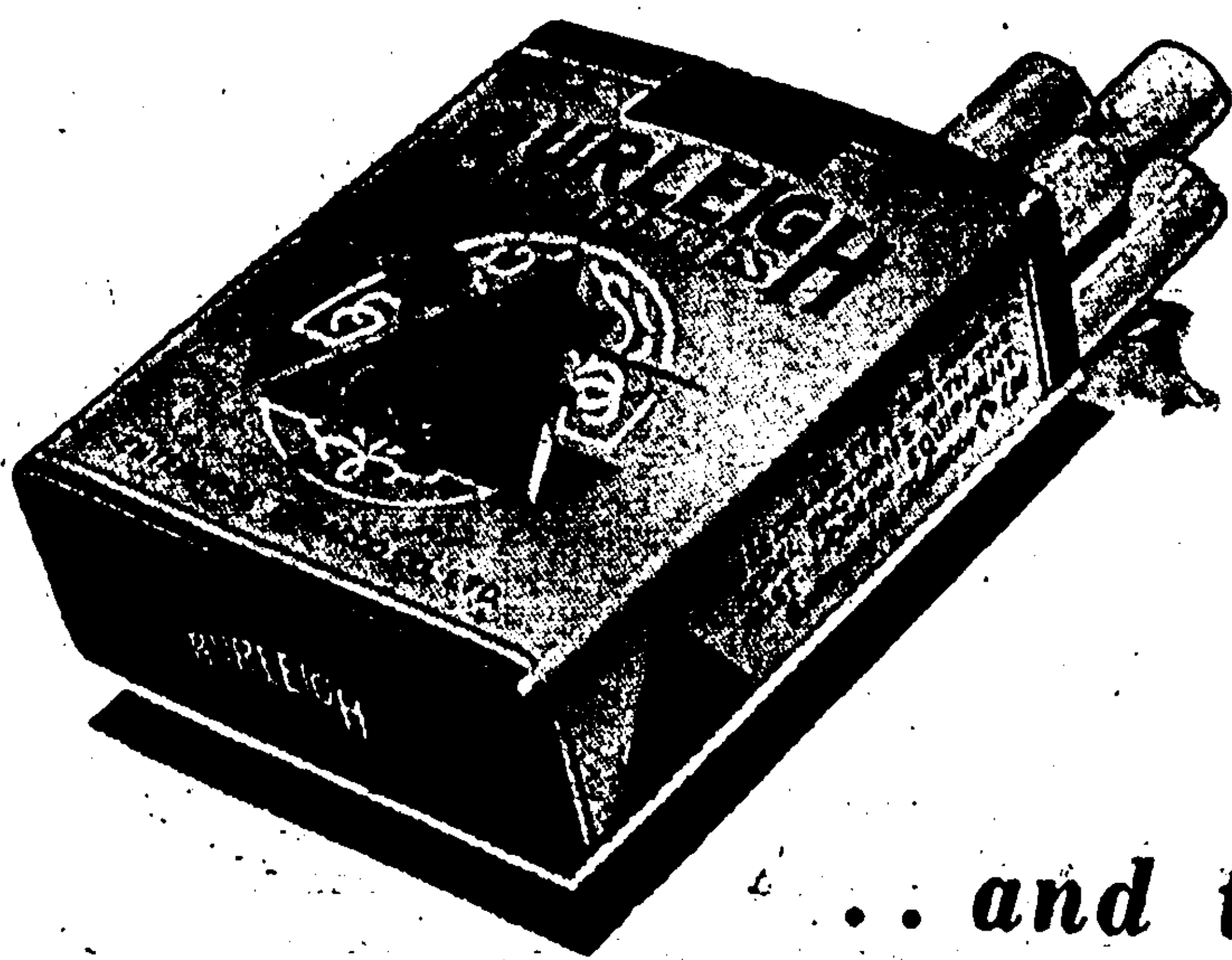
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**BANK HOLIDAYS.**

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The EXCHANGE BANKS will be Closed for the Transaction of Public Business on Thursday and Friday, the 8th and 9th February, 1940. (China New Year Holidays.)

Hong Kong, 5th Feb., 1940.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Director together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**INTERPORT MATCHES**

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the programme for the matches against Saigon has been re-arranged as follows:-

Hong Kong v Saigon.
Friday, February 9, 1940.

Eastern A.A. v Saigon.
Saturday, Feb. 10, 1940.

South China A.A. v Saigon.
Sunday, February 11, 1940.

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MEAT RATIONING IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Mr. W. S. Morrison, Minister of Food, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that rationing of butcher's meat will be introduced on Monday, March 11.

Rationing will be on a value basis and at first everyone over 6 years of age will be allowed to buy 1/-10d. worth a week.

A large proportion of the meat available for civilian consumption was Home produced, said Mr. Morrison.

Restaurants and other catering establishments will be permitted to serve meat meals free of coupons.

For children less than 6 years the value per week allowed will be 11d.

Mr. Morrison said it was intended to keep the supply situation under constant review and to modify rationing from time to time in the light of existing circumstances.

For the initial period, restaurants, industrial schools, canteens and other forms of catering establishments would be permitted to serve meat meals free of coupons, but the supply to them of all kinds of butchers' meat would be restricted to their normal requirements. — Reuter.

Ottawa, To-day.

Lord Tweedsmuir's secretary described the injury as "ordinary concussion." He did not believe there was any reason for grave concern, though specialists were called from Montreal as a precautionary measure. — Reuter.

NO PROSPECT OF EARLY PEACE

Washington, To-day.

There is no prospect of an early peace in Europe, according to a statement by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

Information published yesterday shows that while giving evidence before the House of Representatives appropriations committee regarding the State Department's annual appropriation, which amounted to about \$20,000,000, Mr. Hull said: "It now appears certain that the strain and danger may continue for an indefinite period." — Reuter.

I.R.A. BOMB OUTRAGES

London, To-day.

There were four explosions yesterday morning in Britain, caused by bombs concealed in parcels sent through the Post.

Two occurred in London—at the Euston Railway Station—and the other two at Birmingham and Manchester.

Little damage was done, although a few parcels were destroyed and railway workers suffered slight injuries.

It is presumed the bombs are part of a terrorist campaign by the I.R.A. in connection with to-day's execution of two Irishmen who were sentenced to death when they were found guilty of the Coventry explosion of August 14.—Reuter.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Official quarters in Berlin categorically deny rumours of eventual German mediation in the Finno-Russian conflict which were circulated on the occasion of the simultaneous arrival in Berlin of the German Ambassador in Moscow and the German Minister in Helsinki.

Official Nazi circles declare the conflict does not concern Germany, who carefully avoids direct or indirect implication into it.

Meanwhile, foreign observers are somewhat puzzled at the attitude of the inspired Nazi press, which is playing up Finnish successes.

The puppet Finnish government is never mentioned in Berlin, while the Finnish consul has just received the German exequatur, thus showing that normal relations prevail with Helsinki.

Observers consider that this attitude may be dictated by a desire not to hurt Italy's feelings, but they simultaneously note the resumption of the activities of Alfred Rosenberg, the racial theoretician and violent anti-Bolshevik.

Yesterday, for the first time in months, Herr Rosenberg delivered an official address at the Nazi party's political education committee. — Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The influential Paris daily, "Le Temps," urges moderation in the Yunnan railway bombing incident, and says: "The affair is serious indeed but everything must be done to avoid aggravating it by hasty interpretations."

"Certain elements do not miss an opportunity of propagating alarming rumours at a moment when public opinion is especially nervous."

"France has rights, which will be defended by diplomatic action according to the methods suitable to France's dignity as a great power."

"On the other hand, until definite proof to the contrary is obtained, the Japanese Government's good faith must not be doubted. Prospects of a loyal and lasting settlement exist."

Recalling the circumstances of the incident, the journal says: "The first impression received here was that the local Japanese military had acted on their own initiative. It would not have been the first time since the beginning of the China Incident."

"However, after the Galmusho spokesman's statement this interpretation of the incident could not be held."

"This statement cannot constitute in itself an answer to the French protest or a satisfactory explanation of the incident. The spokesman's views that Tokyo cannot make pledges for future bombings carried out only for military reasons cannot be considered as justifying attacks on an international railway causing civilian victims." — Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

Soviet newspapers dated Jan. 31, which have just reached Denmark, contain Dutch reports of a speech delivered on Jan. 30 by Michailov, secretary of the Communist Youth.

Michailov declared that an agreement had been reached between Germany and the Soviet for a struggle against religion, which was the enemy of both countries.

The Catholic clergy in Poland, he said, constitute an especially hostile element.

Germany and the Soviet had conferred on the question and had decided on common measures; they had agreed to exchange information on the subject.

Michailov pointed out, however, that the Soviet opposition to religion was based on Marxism, while the German opposition was based on racism; thus common action was impossible on certain aspects, notably the Jewish problem. — Havas.

Shanghai, To-day.

The negotiations for restoration of Hongkew and Yangtseppoo to the exclusive control of the Municipal Council are reported to have collapsed following a deadlock, according to the "China Press."

Discussions on the subject are said to have been conducted in strict secrecy, and the newspaper learns that the collapse followed the reaching of a tentative solution last week providing for the gradual return of Hongkew and Yangtseppoo to the S.M.C., the removal of the Japanese-erected barriers on bridges spanning Soochow Creek and elsewhere by May 1, and the withdrawal of Japanese sentries.

In return for the withdrawal of Japanese military control the Japanese authorities are reported to have asked for an increase in the number of Japanese policemen in the S.M.C. stations in the northern areas and also authority to carry out searches as they deemed necessary. — Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Informed quarters confirm that the resignation of General Reynder, the Netherlands commander-in-chief, was due to the fact that the Government refused to impose martial law throughout the country.

The influential "Telegraaf" says in an editorial: "It is a matter for regret that General Reynder's advisers pushed him to claim full enforcement of his programme or resign."

"It would be unfair to Dutch citizens to put them under military rule in time of peace, when everyone is sure they would do their duty magnificently if war came."

"The granting of extended powers to the Minister of Justice would have been sufficient for the preservation of peace and order, and martial law was unnecessary." — Havas.

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